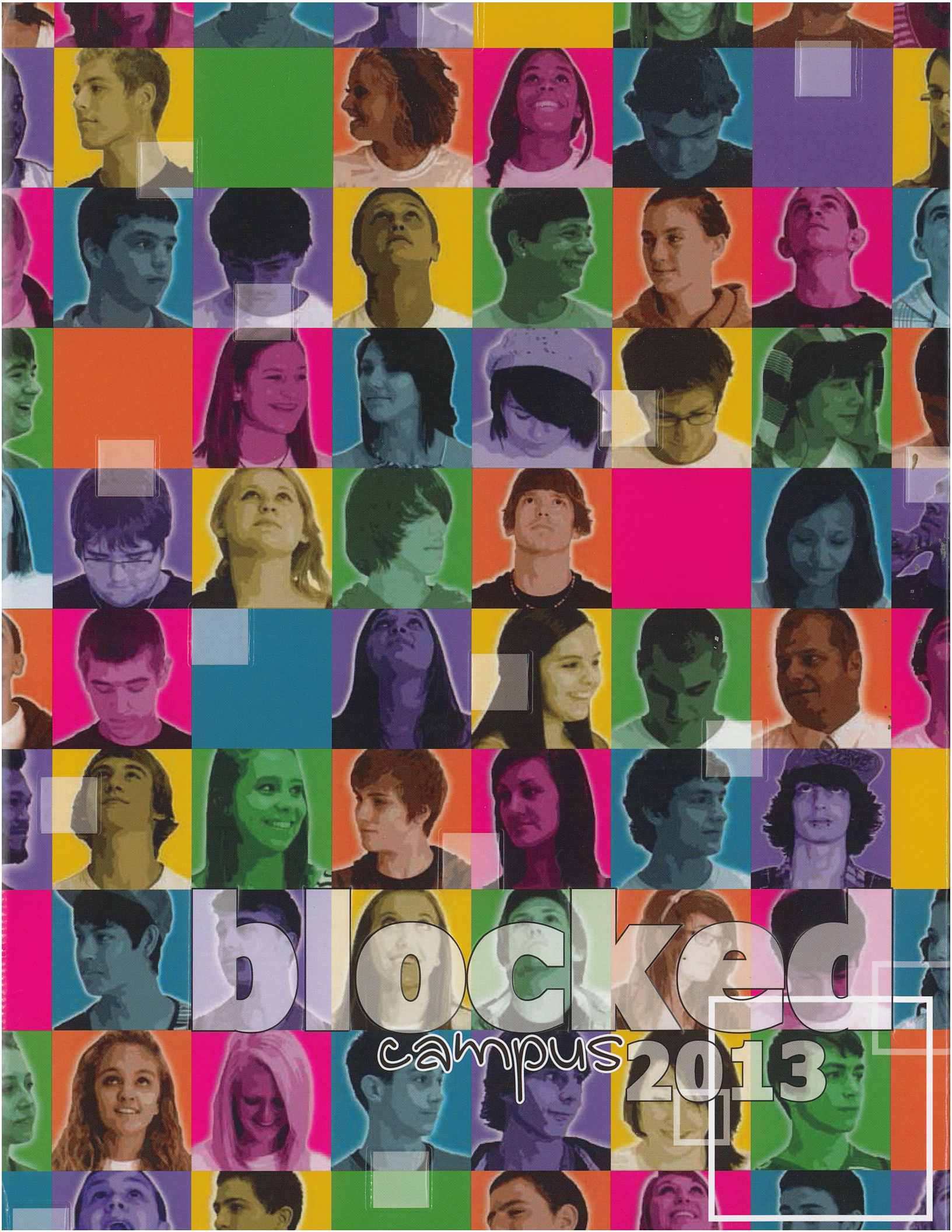
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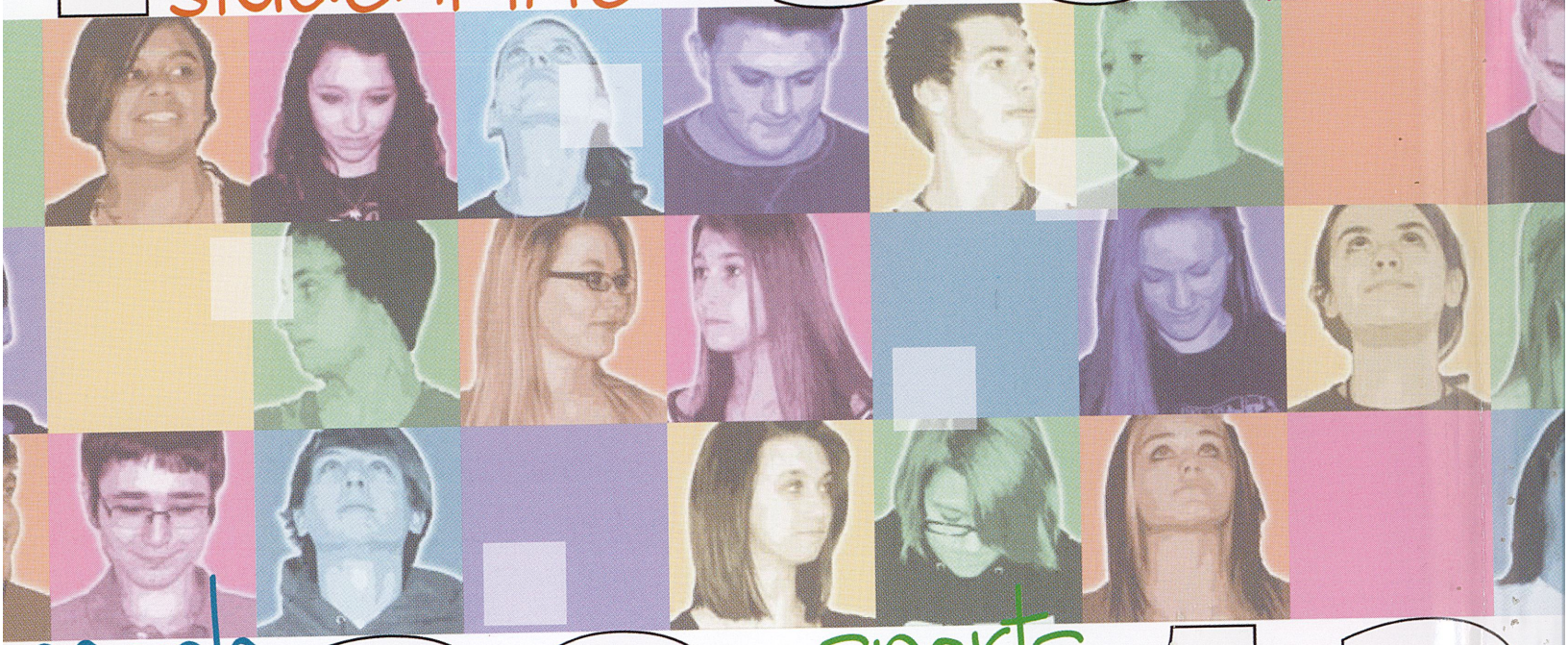

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Camo ammo...

Under the newly renovated grand stand at Davis Field, Doug Donatelli [12] and Andrew Dickun [12] chant loudly to root on the hometown football team. Dickun said, "I tend to get a little out of control at football games. Still, all of my good looks were there just to support the players." For each home and away game, CLC adviser Mr. Williamson devised fashion themes to show school unity.

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Consider these...

Your first rough draft of your senior research paper is due tomorrow. After putting it off as long as possible, you rush to the library the morning of to ask Mr. Swanson to help you find that one quote that can end the paper with a punch. After googling your topic, you finally find the site that will lead you to writing greatness. Then, that devastatingly familiar message pops up, and guess what?

you were blocked.

After yet another huge argument with dad the night before about your repeated tardiness to school, and your continued promises that you would make it on time, you still didn't hear the alarm and woke up late. You roll out of bed into your clothes from Monday, skip breakfast, and do your best to arrive at the back parking lot by 7:45. As you speed up route 66 toward school, it happens. Bus 22 exits the busing garage right in front of you. Only today, driver Larry had called in sick and a substitute is now on his way to pick up the elementary school kiddos. Guess what?

you were *really* blocked.

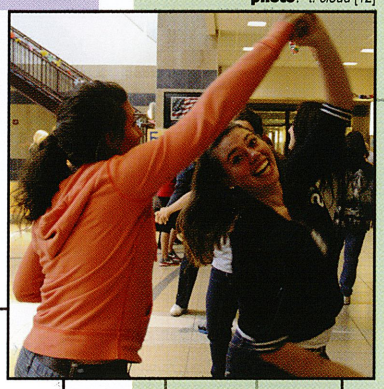
It was the first playoff game of the season against your rival, and after double overtime, the score was still tied at 0-0. The game goes into a shoot out; the pressure is on. You gain the upper hand stopping their fourth shot. Now leading four to three, North Allegheny's final shooter is up. You force him to shoot left and you leap, hands stretched out. You hit the ground with the ball in your arms. Guess what?

your block sent the team into round two of playoffs.

Breaking through...
Just prior to the game versus Connellsville, Ricky Carter [12] rips through the spirit banner. Carter said, "Since playing the Falcons was our first home game, we weren't going to let anything block us from a big win."

photo: *t. cloud* [12]

Step it out...
For the Dia de la Raza, Lizzie Wilkinson [12] and Hannah Milheim [12] salsa in the atrium. Wilkinson said, "We were learning block steps, but decided to do our own thing for awhile." Students spent seventh and eighth period on October 4 learning various Latino dances.



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we are blocked!

...in the always-congested 300 building intersection... near the end of the lunchline on Krazy-Dipper-Day...when trying to set up an appointment with our guidance counselors. Still, how did YOU deal? Let's find out together in the 261 pages to follow...

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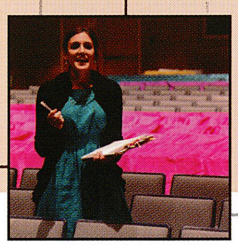

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Leading lady...
Just before the fall play auditions, Miss Filippone [fac.] offers advice to students. "I stressed the importance of knowing your character so that it makes blocking more natural later on," Filippone said.

Feel the beat...
Along with his fellow percussion members, Tyler Lewis [12] performs the opener from the band's show *Prima Donna*. Lewis said, "Nothing blocked the band from giving it their all this year. We had a great showing at Towson when we won our class." Lewis played snare drum for the regiment.

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1) Over Thanksgiving break, at the Wilson residence, Zach Wilson [10] attempts to escape a tackle. Over 100 students attended the annual *Turkey Bowl*.

2) Before the beach night themed football game, Ed Clowes [12] hangs out with Brad Ziegler [12]. Students attended the cookouts to eat food and play cornhole before each home game.

3) Dressed in his camo, Ryan Chepkevich [12] cheers on the varsity football team. Chepkevich attended nearly every home football and basketball game.

4) Performing at the 2012 Powder Puff Football Game halftime, Karisa Cesario [11] dances with the snow choir girls. Cesario also cheered for the varsity cheerleading squad.

5) In Greensburg at *Peach Park*, Meritt Hohman [9] displays his skating skills before dusk on a late October evening.

6) Watching a home junior varsity baseball game after school, Noah Hansen [9] and Ty Travaglia [9] keep Jocelin Herstek [12] company while she keeps score for the team.

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our life
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With smart phones and favorite tunes playing in their ears, teenagers texted their friends or significant others to making plans to see the latest block buster movie on Friday night. Weekend plans, boyfriends, girlfriends, best friends, smart phones, music, movies, and so much more comprised all the basic building blocks of the life for today's high school students. Even on weekends, for some, sports took up a large portion of students' lives. From Saturday practices to away tournaments on the weekend, many athletes passed the time in their cars and buses between games and matches listening to music.

"I have basketball practice most of the time. Otherwise, I spend a lot of my time driving my brothers and mom around now that I have my license. I wouldn't be able to play chauffeur every weekend without jamming to my music to pass the time," James Roundtree [11] said.

For students with more free time, new smart phone apps provided hours of entertainment. The popularity of Snapchat, a picture sharing app, became a fast favorite. "Shout out to my Snapchat friends, Gracie, Lexie, and Cody, who break up hours of boredom at Winterguard competitions," Austin Feydt [11] said.

"Playing with Lego blocks as a child teaches you to put the pieces together and to be patient."

Alex Pelka [11]

Just down the block

How much does spirit really affect the school environment?

"I think that school spirit has a huge effect. Even when the football team lost, we all still supported them." *Katie Dunnivan* [12]

"I think that spirit plays a big role in the school. At different sporting events, everyone comes together." *Dalton Swank* [9]

"Spirit in the school plays a big part. If nobody inspires the athletes, they will not perform as well." *Kaycee Orris* [11]

"I feel that school spirit really helps to bring everyone together because they all feel like they belong." *Andy Carson* [11]

"School spirit is important because it gets the athletes pumped up for their games, no matter what sport." *Becca Van Why* [12]

"I think that school spirit has really improved at Kiski. It definitely brings the students closer together." *Ms. Walt* [fac.]

"I think it makes a difference in how people treat each other. It really depends on the individual school though." *Todd Toth* [9]

"At my old school, Highlands, the students seemed to be more involved in supporting all of the sports teams." *Brandi Cramer* [12]

"I think that spirit matters to some people and doesn't matter to others. It kind of matters to me." *Mike Settino* [9]

had ta have its

home fall football themed nights

1 "Beach night at Davis Field was a blast. I wore a yellow Hawaiian shirt with a pair of jeans." *Tiffani Gregory* [12]

2 "Of all the nights, camo was the best because it was really awesome to go gator hunting at Davis Field." *Lauren Lizik* [11]

3 "I thought that pink night was great because a lot of people participated to support the cure for breast cancer." *Shalynn Johnson* [9]

4 "I wore a blaze orange hat and a hunting vest because it was the brightest thing I had." *Jason Schall* [10]

What a rush...

Under the new grandstand at Davis Field, fans dressed in their beach gear to root on the football team in the game versus Connellsville. Jordan Kiebler [12] said, "The themed nights definitely brought everyone together more because everyone could participate." The home team won the game by a score of 22-14 and in reaction, the student section rushed the field at the end to congratulate the players.

Now, that's a wrap...

At the Fall Sports Pep Assembly on September 14, Nate Kiebler [11] wraps Miss DePanicis [fac.] in toilet tissue. Kiebler said, "It was a lot of fun wrapping her up and it allowed me to experience things with the soccer team that I would have never done outside of school." Kiebler used the entire roll to wrap DePanicis.

photo: *k. aller* [11]

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avoid the roadblock

"Never be down and always keep your spirits high to succeed in life."
Marlie Tipton [9]

Long way from home...

In front of the crowd at the September 7 away game at Altoona, members of the cheering squad perform for the fans. Varsity member Mayah Bracy [11] said, "I remember that it really rained and we had to start the game late." The girls traveled almost two hours on the bus to attend the event.

photo: *a. satterfield* [12]

The 5 quint-essential question

What about the cookouts will you forever remember?

"It was definitely the Silly String that brought the cookouts to life. I had them at every one."
Regan Wallace [10]

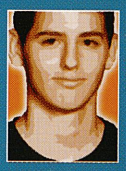
"I'll never forget how Rachel seemed to always get the paint in my eye."
Kaylie Dilts [12]

"The Cookouts just provided a great opportunity for all Cavaliers to get together before games for a meal."
Chelsea Thompson [12]

"We had food, friends, and cleaning house in corn hole with my boy, Kiebs. It doesn't get any better."
Doug Donatelli [12]

"I'll always remember how Ryan Hardaway is such a good painter. He's practically Michaelangelo and I was his masterpiece."
Mitch Nagy [11]

stumbling blocks



Joe Minda [10]

The hardest thing I ever had to do was to watch the movie *Napoleon Dynamite* because it was terrible. Everyone always said it was hilarious, but I watched and I could not figure out why everyone said it was so funny. The main character was just awkward, not funny; there's a difference. A few parts were mildly amusing at best. I still just can't understand. People always talk about it like it's *Forrest Gump* or something. There was no plot at all. It mostly revolved around a couple weird kids running for class president or something.

Chelsea Murphy [10]

The hardest time in my life was when I made a bad decision in eighth grade. I made the choice to not do any of my school work because I was going through some rough times. I kept this up until I met a role model, a science teacher at the junior high. He helped me get through everything. I know I can always go to him for help or for anything I need. He helped me with all my school work; science work or not, he could do it all. I didn't think I would pass that year, but here I am in tenth grade now thanks to him. I regret it very much, so my advice is to do your work.

"Every time I walk through our kitchen, I'm blocked by stuff because we're remodeling it."
Katie Aller [11]

hues of blue and gold

spectator school spirit spills into many sports

basketball games

Through many of the winter evenings, fans of the team painted faces and aimed their cheers and chants down upon the court. One player expressed her appreciation.

"Adam Robo came to every one of our games. He sat on or near our bench and cheered for us. He got so into the game and it really helped."

Marina Stascak [10]

soccer games

In both rain and shine, compelled followers of both boys' and girls' soccer attended games to support the players. One senior player claimed that it made a difference.

"School spirit at the soccer games this year was great. It is always nice to have a good student section at big games because it pumped us all up."

Zack Fisher [12]

wrestling matches

With a huge following at the school, the wrestling team enjoyed filled gymnasiums of supportive students to rally the team. One junior wrestler commented on it.

"Our student section shows the team great support. They get our whole team ready for the matches to wrestle."

Shane Kuhn [11]

By the numbers

100 students polled

015 because I fear flying, you will never catch me on a plane

011 my parents would never let me go on a road trip w/o them

054 my friends and I are known for going on impromptu road trips

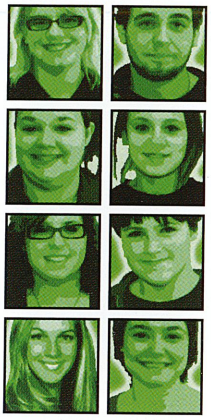
008 I will never go on a ship cruise

All that jazz...

On the way home from Jazz Band A's trip to Chicago, Nick Durkin [11] and Megan Paullet [12] text friends about the excursion. Durkin said, "I don't exactly remember how long it took to get home, but it was too long." 18 students went on the trip.

We all...

have gone to see Punxy Phil see his shadow



Jen Evans [11]
Bobby Munko [11]

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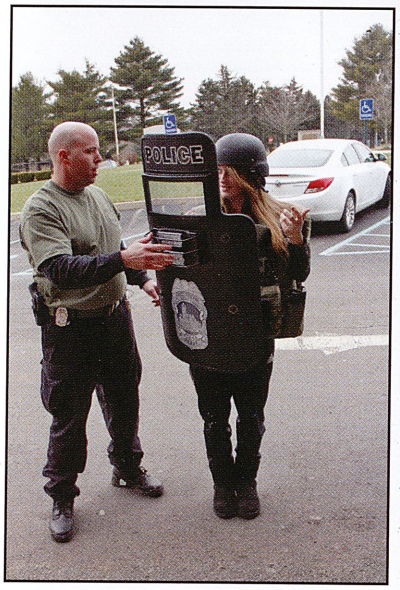

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Grin and bear it...

On January 15, Jackie Graham [11] dons a SWAT team suit and shield. "Mike Feeney was very eager to answer our questions and very enthusiastic about his profession," Graham said. Mrs. McAfee's criminal law students traveled to the front circle to tour the armored vehicle called *The Bear*.

Out for great adventures

three students pack up to visit different parts of the world

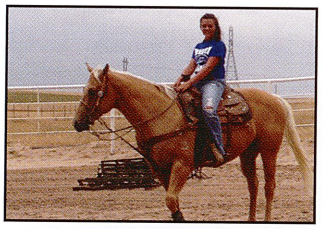
Interesting and exciting places around the world enticed thousands of people to visit them regularly.

From the ice covered summit of Mount Everest to the black sand beaches on Oahu, Hawaii, travelers continued to explore the earth. Many preferred going to warm locations with a sandy beach, but some opted for cold conditions and a snowy landscape to view.

Traveling offered the voyagers an escape from their everyday lives, as well as time to explore unique cultures and scenes. For three students, the summer vacation months seemed the best time to travel.

Boi Jing & Shanghai

In 2009, Mariah Singerman [11] ventured to China, where their remarkably different culture surprised her. With such a long history, China's culture possessed a richness not seen in America. Not used to seeing anyone who looks so different, many natives even wanted to get a picture with her.



Colorado

Last summer, Maddy Costanza [11] traveled to Colorado. She went to the hot springs and to her first rodeo. She also took a lazy river ride through the mountains on an actual river surrounded by nature's scenery. 10 days there did not satisfy her, and she could not wait to go back.

Amsterdam, London, & Paris

Andrew Brock [12] flew to Europe with his soccer team, seeing Amsterdam, London, and Paris. In addition to sight-seeing, he played a game in each city. He saw Anne Frank's house in Amsterdam, the Louvre in Paris, and watched a Chelsea soccer game while in London.

how you get to school

students discuss routines on travelling to kahs

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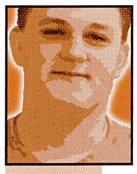
"I drive to school most of the time. Because I have cheering after school a lot and I also have a job, the school gave me a driving pass." *Morgan Leasure* [12]

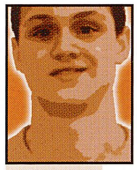


"I walked to school a few times because I didn't have a ride. I live on the Serpentine Road and it took me a half hour to walk it." *Troy Glendenning* [12]

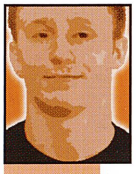
"Theresa or Louisa Gibson usually picks me up in the morning. Sometimes we stop at McDonald's for coffee." *Brianna Black* [12]

"My mom or my step-dad usually takes me to school. Since I live in Moreland Manor, it takes only about three minutes." *Tiffany Wilson* [11]

"I live in Avonmore so the bus ride is about 35 minutes long. It's basically a chance to catch more sleep before school." *Nick Sharek* [12]



"I ride bus 19 and live in Washington Acres. I catch the bus at around 6:50 and it takes like 40 minutes to get to school." *Nate Blankenbicker* [9]



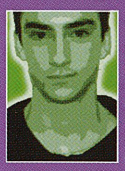
"Because I wrestle and we have practice after school, I got a driving pass from the office. It takes me 10 minutes to get there." *Andrew McDonald* [11]

photo: r. capanna [fac.]

Dancing in the dark...

After traveling to Harrisburg for the state's annual November PSPA Conference, yearbook staff members Jocelin Herstek [12], Alexis Satterfield [12], Kayla Wadsworth [11], and Katie Aller [11] get down at the Thursday evening dance. *Campus* Photography Editor Aller said, "It was great to attend workshops at the conference that will make our yearbook better next year." At the conference, the PSPA Board presented Mr. Fantaski [fac.] his award for PA Journalism Teacher of the Year.

stumbling blocks



Tyler McGuire [12]

The hardest decision I have ever had to make was when I went out to eat. I was at Kings. The waitress, Kathy, had been working for about seven hours and was impatient. She repeatedly asked me but I just couldn't decide. Eventually, I chose soup. My reasoning behind my decision was that it was a cold winter day, and soup is always good on days like that. To this very day, I lie awake at night contemplating whether I should have gotten salad. It is a mystery. Maybe I will ask MythBusters to figure it out for me.

Cheyenne Shellhammer [10]

The hardest thing I have ever had to deal with was finding out my "father" wasn't really my father. He never let me see my actual father's family, even though they wanted to see me. Then, I lost my brother Chad in 2006. Because of my "father," I was never able to be very close with Chad before. He didn't even let me go to Chad's funeral. Shortly after that, I ran away to be with my mom, where I was able to see the other side of my family. They helped me through a lot and helped me get to know Chad, even though he isn't here.

"I hate when you know the material, but a mind block kills you on a test.." Aaron Bertovich [11]

hind sight

escorts reflect on royal activities

Homecoming involves so much more than just the crowning moment. The chosen escorts offer their recollections about various aspects of the event held at Davis Field on October 5, 2012.

the escorts

escorted Young

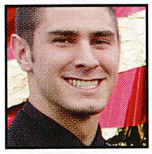
on the weather...

"It was so nice not having to drudge through feet of water to cross the field, even though I would have loved to see Janessa get stuck in the mud."
Nick Stone [12]

escorted Long

on the parade...

"It was awesome seeing all of the people line up to see the court. I especially liked the chance to throw all the candy to the little kids who watched."
Matt McCutcheon [12]


escorted Thompson

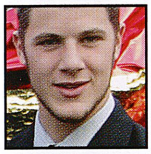
on winning...

"I'd like to give myself props for winning Homecoming King. I really couldn't have done it without myself. I'd like to thank myself and, of course, Jimmy Peck."
Doug Donatelli [12]

escorted Laero

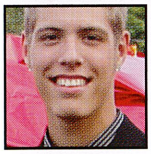
on escorting...

"Of all the girls on the court, I'm thankful to have escorted Sadie. We both get along really well and we had a whole lot of fun experiencing it together."
Kyle Skelly [12]


escorted Sikora

on the pep assembly...

"It was really nerve-racking having to perform a dance mix in front of the entire school. I remember freezing up at one point."
Tyler Nelson [12]


escorted Cramer

on the football game...

"The best part of the whole game was when we beat the Knights and the whole student section rushed the field to congratulate the players."
Adam Robison [12]

the planners

1) Danetta Gift [12] hangs signs on the escorts' convertibles.

2) Theresa and Louisa Gibson [12] prepare the dragon float.

3) Lacey Emmerson [12] and Amber Phillips [11] tie decorations to the cars.

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No jitters here...

Hand in hand, Sadie Laero [12] and Kyle Skelly [12] perform a dance routine to *Jitterbug*. Skelly said, "The hardest part of the dance was getting her to trust me when we did the flips." The two attended the Homecoming dance together the following night.

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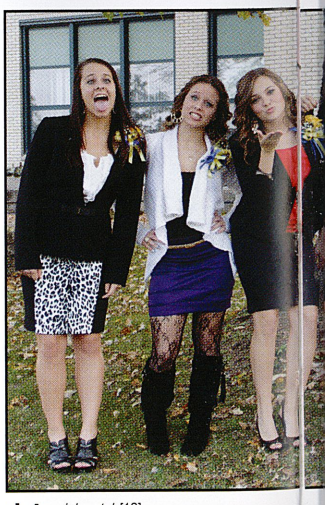
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poll position

100 students polled

Which of the following do you enjoy most?

the parade	pep assembly	the dance	football game
13	22	16	49

avoid the roadblock

"Always try your best because eventually, hard work pays off."
Tony Jackson [12]

photo: h. hohman [12]

Daddy's little girl...
Just after the announcer calls her name, James Thompson [par.] shares the glory with his daughter Chelsea Thompson [12]. "I've always looked to my dad for inspiration," Thompson said. Doug Donatelli [12] escorted her for the evening.

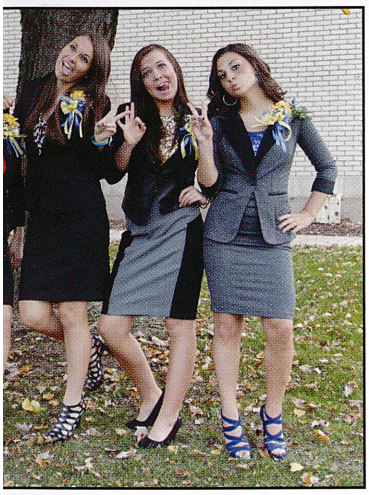
stumbling blocks

Ryan Cruca [12]

While growing up, I had always dreamed of driving a race car. I always told myself that someday I would be behind the wheel of one of those cars and it didn't matter when or how. Little did I know what it took to make such a dream come true. I was faced with doubts and full of questions. How does a 16 year old obtain such a substantial amount of money, wealth of knowledge about racing, and the time to devote to it? The honest answer to that question is, you really don't. However, if you strive for your goals, you will accomplish them.

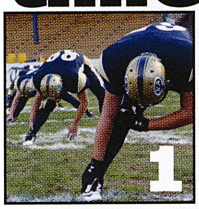
Cole Bauman [12]

The biggest obstacle I had to overcome in life is school. School isn't very hard, but in order to overcome school you need to work. School is important in life because it is what sets you up for the real world. In school, you make friends. Having friends is what pushes me not to quit on school. You will have some people you don't like at school; ignore the ones that you don't like. Befriend the ones that are worth it. College isn't needed for everything in life, but if you don't graduate high school, it is hard to get a well paying job.



Court jesters...
A tradition in the *Campus* book, Alexa Cramer, Sadie Laero, Lea Long, Stephanie Sikora, Chelsea Thompson, and Janessa Young show off their best funny faces. Members of the court have posed for this type of shot since 2000.

timed squares



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"You have to stretch or you risk the chance of getting painful cramps during the game."
Bill Sarraf [10]

2 *10/5/12: 7:33 PM*
"When we play in the tunnel to let the football players through, you have to be ready."
Tucker Insko [10]

"There are four building blocks to life: health, friendship, education, and hope."
Ariel Ware [12]

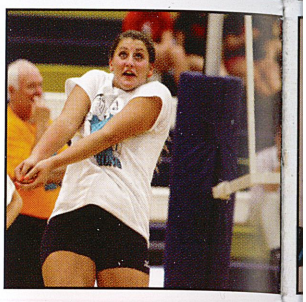
Angels watching down...

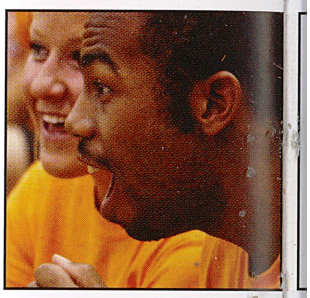
Held on September 5, 2012, the volleyball team sponsored its third annual *Jam the Gym for Jaime* fundraising event. Only this time, Coach Vick attended in spirit, and team members certainly felt her presence.

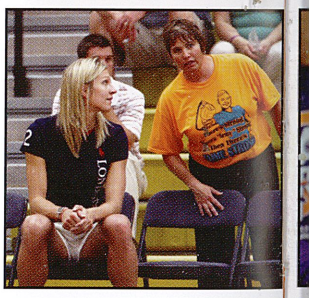
Darlene Galiszewski [10] said, "Everyone could feel that Jaime was there. For varsity, she filled up all of our hearts, and she inspired us to step it up for every play that we made."

After battling leukemia since high school, Coach Vick passed on August 6, 2012.

Captian Maddie Antone [12] said, "Our team has gone through a lot of adversity over the past few years with the passing of Jaime and Jenna Prusia. It warms my heart to know that they both can now support the team from a better place."







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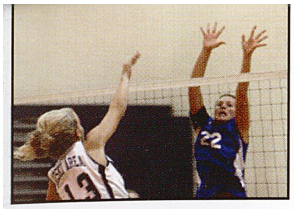

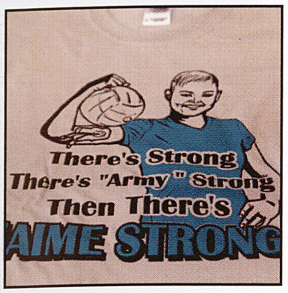
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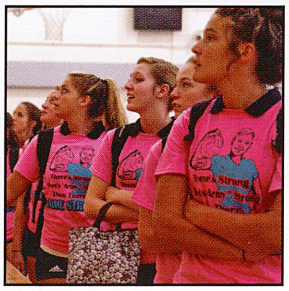
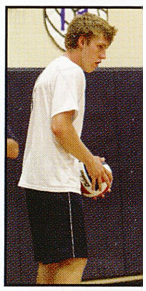
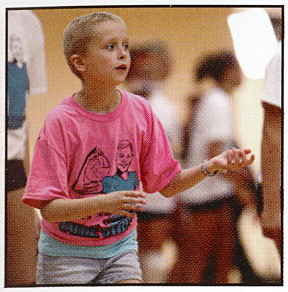
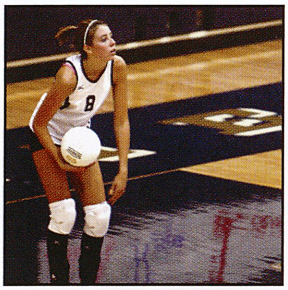

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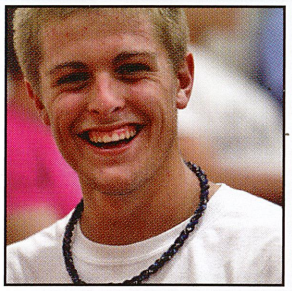
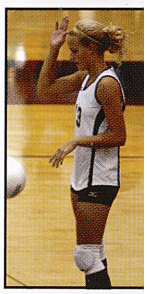
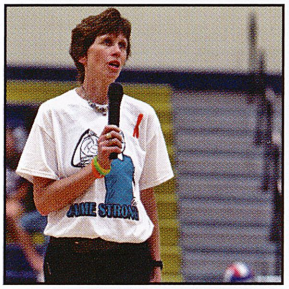
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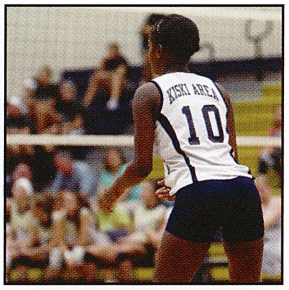
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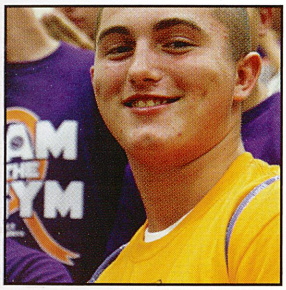

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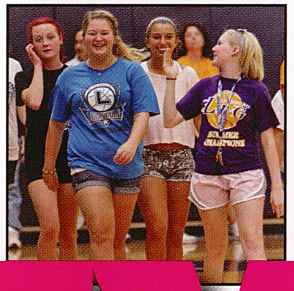
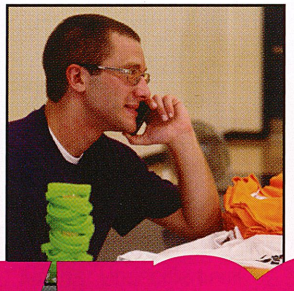
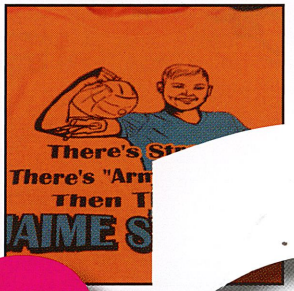
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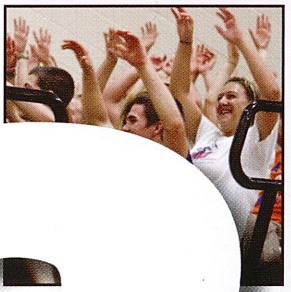

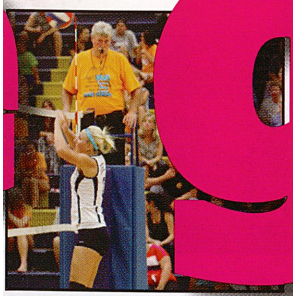

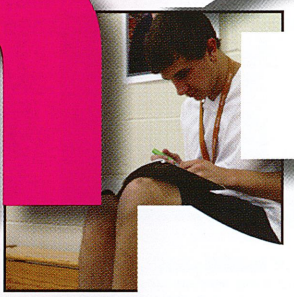
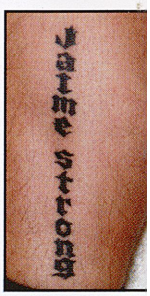
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Just down the block

Does your pet have any interesting quirks or qualities?

"My ferret, Aussie, is like a hairy salamander. He follows me around like he's a dog or something." *Ashlee Shirey* [12]

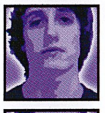
"I have a rabbit named Angel. She eats everything in sight. That includes the carpet, television wires, and me." *Mariah Singerman* [11]

"Cats are supposed to hate water... not mine. Dufus likes to play in the toilet and jump in the bath with you." *Julian Hoculock* [9]

"I have a ferret named Nyko. We have to leave the toilet seat down because he likes to play in the water. Gross." *Savannah Stroup* [12]

"We have a golden retriever named Copper. He sings when I play the piano. He can actually hold pitch well." *Sharyn Taylor* [11]

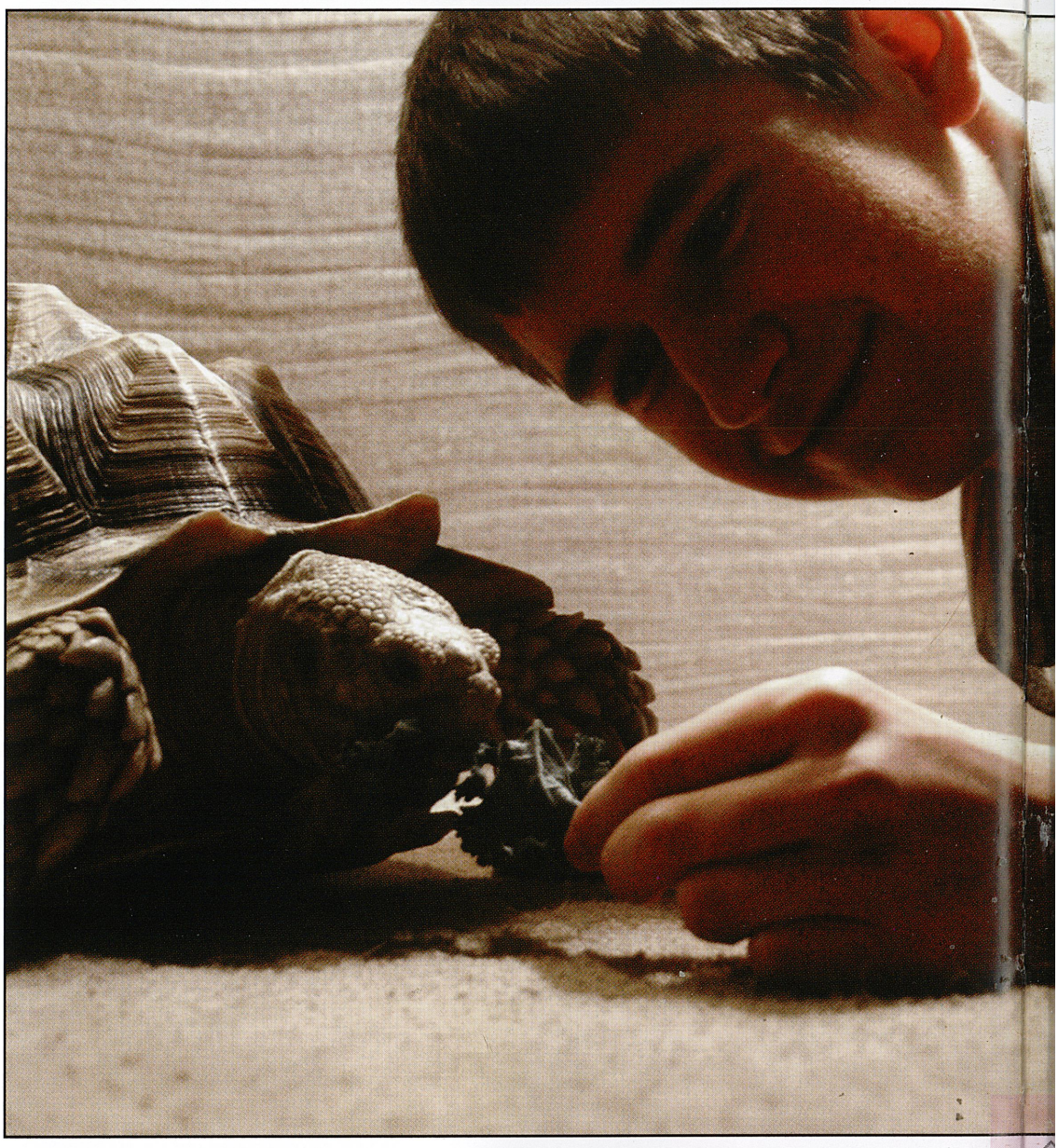
"I have a kitten named Monkey. He plays fetch like a dog and is easily freaked out. He needs meds." *Miranda Moses* [11]



"We have two cats named Izzy and Eva. They are always paranoid. They are the original scaredy cats." *Blake Skwirut* [12]

"Kong, our cat, sleeps in the weirdest of positions, usually hanging up-side down over a table edge." *Katlyn Rudacille* [12]

"My dog, Saylor, likes to get toilet paper from the roll, drag it to my room, and put it on my bed." *Sara Keddie* [10]



I have a crush on you...

For six years, Nick McClelland [11] and his turtle, Crush, have bonded at dinner time. McClelland said, "We got Crush in Florida on a vacation trip. He traveled with us the whole way home." Crush typically ate lettuce, kale, and occasionally, fruit.

Birds of a feather...

In her back yard on Garvers Ferry Road, Shelby Wikert [12] shows affection for one of her chickens. Wikert's good friend Scout Young [12] said, "Those birds are hard to catch and they don't like water." The Wikerts also had a dog, cat, and lizard at home.

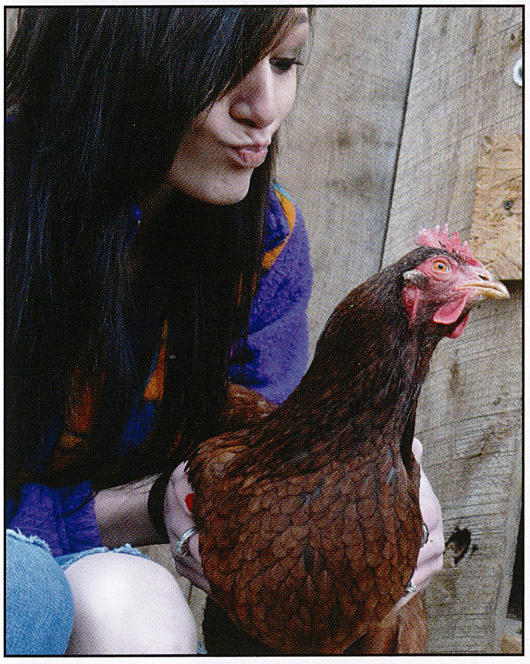


photo: *h. hohman* [12]

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puppy must haves

1 "My dog Chloe loves chew toys. Her favorite one is the porcupine one." *Karen Keltz* [9]

2 "My golden retriever Thome loves his Milk Bone treats. We have them all the time." *Mike Childs* [12]

3 "When I give my dog, Dozer, a bone, there's no way you're going to get it back." *Haley Remaley* [11]

4 "My dog, Babe, has no time to play ball. All she loves to do is to hunt raccoons." *Daniel Black* [9]

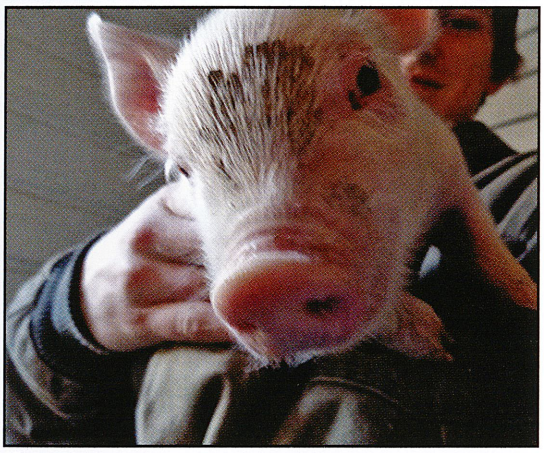
photo: h. hohman [12]

avoid the roadblock

"Make sure you clean the litter box regularly. Otherwise, they're gonna pee everywhere."
Gisela Martinez [12]

An oink, oink here...

In his barn located on Dime Road, Brandon Mangus [12] holds his newborn pig. Mangus said, "Having pigs around the farm was an out of the norm experience. From showing them at the fairs to raising them, I've learned a lot." The mother, Missy, gave birth to nine piglets on February 15, 2013.



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The 5 quint-essential question

Discuss why you consider yourself a cat person or a dog person...

"I'm definitely a dog person. I have a dog named Savage and he picks up scents for me when I go hunting."
Levi Naughton [12]

"I like both of them. I'm not allowed a cat because my dad hates them. D-Oh-Gee is my brother."
Jocelin Herstek [12]

"I prefer dogs because they listen better, they're better companions, and cats are just too darn moody."
Alexis Satterfield [12]

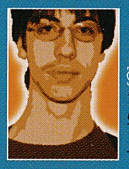
"I am definitely a cat person. They are cuter, sweeter, and certainly don't stink as much as dogs do."
Laurel Beatty [12]

"Even though we have three cats, I'm more of a dog person. We also have three dogs at home."
Jayne Hohman [9]

stumbling blocks

Alex Paulet [10]

A difficult time in my life was when I had my shoulder injury. I felt so helpless and was afraid I wouldn't be able to swim my best ever again. It took long, continuous months of therapy to get back to being able to swim again. It was really tough at times, because all I wanted to do was to get back in the water and compete in the meets. It was really hard having to sit on the sidelines and root on my teammates when I wanted to help them out in the water. I wouldn't have overcome this without the help of my family, doctors, and friends. Their support meant the world to me and made a difference in my recovery. I may never swim as well as I used to, but like my good friend told me... just keep swimming.



Jared Burk [9]

One day, I was chasing my dog around the house. It is one of the only ways we can exercise him. We gave him something that he thought he was not allowed to have, and then we chased him. So, anyway, I was chasing him and he ran down the stairs. Now I know what you're thinking... but you're wrong. Don't get ahead of me here. So, I chased him down the stairs and he ran around the stairs. Then, he ran back up the stairs. Our steps are designed weirdly and they have an overhang which can often trip you up. So, I ran up the stairs, I tripped, and then I went flying into the wall.

food for thought

Those pets eat the strangest things

hard as nails

Most cats feasted on the usual grub found in the pet store aisles of the grocery store. However, one cat found a sharper alternative.

"Ted-Theodore-Logan, our cat, once ate an inch-and-a-half long nail. While I was putting up shelves, he gulped it down."

Cole Frayne [11]

sweet as candy

An old adage explained that everything is okay if taken in moderation. One student's dog seemed to disagree with the notion.

"My dog Sampson once ate four pounds of Easter chocolate. It was on the table, he found it , and it was gone."

Zach Roberts [9]

put a sock in it

Large dogs had the capability of eating items like dishrags and socks. Still, one student had a cat that feasted on her footwear.

"Abby, my cat, has thing for eating socks. She pushes my drawer open and gets them."

Cierra Schriver [9]

"I play defense for the soccer team so we have to block all the shots that we can."
Mary-Kate Barker [11]

by the numbers □□□

002 bands played at the Coffeehouse

122 people marched in marching band

008 academic bands at the high school

004 people comprise May's Landing

Flutes on fire...

Amidst the glow of the fall bonfire, Katie Ballas [12] and Hannah Moore [12] perform for the massive student body in attendance. Ballas said, "Being a marching band member is definitely a bonding experience. After spending that much time together with one group of people, you're bound to bond."

We all...

have our elementary recorders at home

Nicole Claus [9]
Nicole Pearce [12]
Caitlyn Lockhart [12]
Natalie Clifford [9]
Kara McNamee [11]
Tori Mundy [10]
Grace Moore [10]
Heather Kenzevich [9]

Bird's eye view...

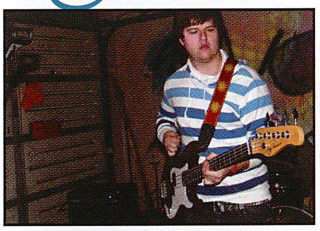
High above the city of Chicago, Matt Krachanko [12] takes in the view from the Willis Tower. Krachanko said, "The Jazz Band trip was epic. We got to perform at the most prestigious music event in the nation." Located on the 103rd floor, the glass-encased lookout stood 1,353 ft. above the ground.

photo: *h. hohman* [12]

Band of blaring brothers

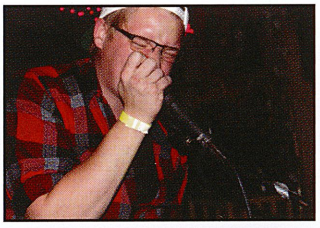
musicians discuss passion for music

Musicians have entertained audiences for hundreds of years, each with their own unique style and sound. Popular music changed each year as the audience, with all their likes and dislikes, changed. Music in general intrigued millions each day and for good reason. A style of music and a certain song existed for every mood. Whether to further elevate happiness or sooth anger, music's superpower lied in its ability to affect emotions and feelings. One did not have to be famous to become a musician, either. Whether part of a garage band, a school ensemble, or a solo artist, each had talents to share with the whole world.



blaring for the desolate

Cameron Lawecki [12] said, "*Blaring for the Desolate* is a local hard core band from Vandergrift, PA. We formed in December of 2011. Our band consists of Tyree Elliott on vocals, Mike Minda and Alex Herrin on guitar, myself on bass, and Josh Sgourakis on the drum set."



may's landing

Pat Bouch [12] said, "*May's Landing* is a local band that started out in the summer of 2012 when Colin Suierveld, Nick Hubert, Matt Miller, and I were trying to make our own music. We have gotten more and more serious over the past few years and look forward to touring over the summer."

a hopeless romantic

Mike Bair [12] said, "Music is my biggest passion, even more so than art is. Luke Schaeffer, who used to go to Kiski and now goes to Franklin, Dan Rumon, and I have been making music for the past year or two. This year, we started taking it seriously and started recording our own album."

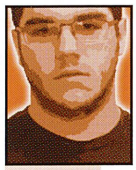
mud & trucks

students explain why they listen to country music

photo: *J. Herstek* [13]

"I prefer country because it's the best kind of music and gives you that down-home feeling. The lyrics are always relevant to my life." *Katie Clever* [12]

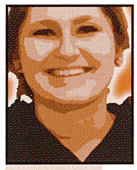
"Country music has a soft beat to it that I like. I really like Carrie Underwood, Reba McEntire, Eric Church, Blake Shelton, and Lee Brice." *Savannah Jones* [10]



"It always calms me down. The words also bring back a lot of memories from my past that I like to remember. It's just the best music around." *Cory Clark* [10]

"I like how the meaning of the words is always relatable. I also grew up with country music, so it's just all that I have ever listened to." *Rosita Webster* [10]

"I love country music because it's a lot of fun and really easy to sing along to. I like Lady Antebellum and The Band Perry." *Alexis Briggs* [10]



"Country music is best in the summer, because when I'm shaking it for Luke Bryan, it's a lot of fun. I'm such a redneck." *Mikayla Rupp* [9]

"I like that it's catchy. I like the country accent that most artists sing with. I like listening to John Denver the most." *Ryan Ashbaugh* [9]

photo: *C. Terrill* [9]

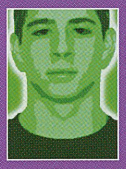
Cleared for a landing...

In the lower cafeteria on December 20, Pat Bouch rocks out for the SADD-sponsored Coffeehouse. "We really had to do last minute adjustments because Colin decided to sleep in," Bouch said. He played lead guitar for *May's Landing* with Colin Suierveld [11 grad.], Nick Hubert [12 grad.] and Matt Miller [12 grad.]

stumbling blocks

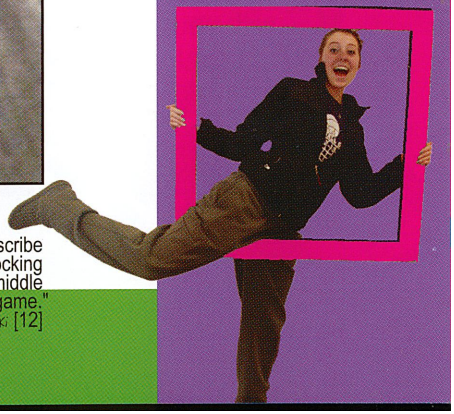
Leah Deitt [10]

One time, my friend, Lauren and I were at a hockey game. We were having an amazing time, running around and watching some great hockey played by our boys. We both wore our blue Winter Classic jerseys, signed by our favorite players. During intermission, Lauren and I ran up to get a snack of nachos and cheese. The messy eater I am, I spilled the cheese all over my jersey, right on my prized signature. I was having a major freak out, so Lauren took me to the bathroom and cleaned me up. We got most of the cheese out. But, to this day, there is still an unattractive yellow tint around the signature, and it makes me mad.



Mike DeParnicis [10]

I've had some difficult things to deal with in my life, but none more nerve-racking than what happened in baseball. Picture the bases loaded in the last inning with nobody out. I'm the pitcher. This was by far one of the hardest things that I've ever had to deal with because the whole success or failure of the game was totally riding on my shoulders. I knew that the team had worked so hard throughout the game to get a lead, and it was up to me to have us all keep it. It made me so nervous because at that moment, everyone was counting on me to get the job done. I ended up getting out of the inning, and we won the game.



"Words can't describe the feeling of blocking someone's hit in the middle of a volleyball game." Julianna Jankowski [12]

hind sight

cast and crew recall mishaps

Live theater presents challenges not seen in other performance arenas. In front of an audience, the actors and crew have only one chance to deliver the show. Sometimes, it just doesn't go as planned.

those involved

carelessness...

"Some parts of the drama overall seemed unfocused more than I am used to. It seemed as if not many people cared whether they participated or not."
Kevin Gress [9]

big beehives...

"The day before our first performance, I wore my hair in the crazy beehive that I had in the show. It was funny to practice with such a crazy hair do."
Alex Paes [9]

exit troubles...

"The night before opening night, I realized that I didn't know how to get through the curtain when it was closed, so we had to put tape on it to show me were to exit."
Deana Callipare [10]

missed the moment...

"On the last performance night, I was back stage and I missed my cue to go on. I had to run right on to the stage. It wasn't a pretty moment."
Ryan Gress [9]

last minute add in...

"I joined the drama three days before opening night. It was a little crazy. I had to learn all my lines in three days, but everyone helped me out."
Casey Allen [9]

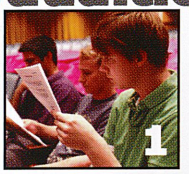
running into a wall...

"After the last performance night, we were all on stage and some of the crew were spinning me around on an office chair. I got up and ran straight into a wall."
Derek Johns [12]

avoid the roadblock

"Never let drama interfere with your life. Always stay true to yourself."
Savannah Stroup [12]

the auditions



1) Zach Mszyco [11] learns lines for his audition for the play.

2) Allannah Walker [12] reads through the script just before she tries out for *Ask Any Girl*.

3) On September 13, Lacey Emmerson [12] sits outside the auditorium to go over her part.

Girls, girls, girls...

In the beginning of Act III, Miles Doughton, played by Austin Moorhead [12] discusses all of the girls in his brother's little black address book. Moorhead said, "Facial expressions were very important to make my character believable." Moorhead also played FDR in the spring musical.

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poll position

100 students polled

What do you think makes for the best show?

costumes | actors | set design | play selection

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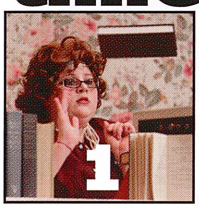
All dolled up...

During Act II of *Ask Any Girl*, Meg Wheeler, played by Kaylee Hansberry [12], gets an inspiration of transformation. Hansberry said, "It took at least an hour each night to get my hair and makeup done." Hansberry hoped to major in theater at Point Park University after graduation.

Have to hear every word...

Careful to hear every word, Nicole Pearce [12], Jade Festa [12], Cassie Thompson [12], and James Farley [10] discuss how sophisticated Meg has become since moving to New York. Pearce said, "The play had a really great turnout and a lot of people were excited to see us perform." *Ask Any Girl* represented Pearce's acting debut at the school.

timed squares



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"I liked playing Ada because she was really sarcastic, and I got to throw books up in the air."
Lacey Emmerson [12]

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"Playing Evan was a lot of fun. The character fit my personality and it felt really natural to me."
Mike Luciano [11]

"In volleyball, you have to jump really high to block a good hit."
Maggie McDermott [11]

stumbling blocks

Zach Schafer [12]

The most difficult time in my life was when my pap died. I knew he was in a better place, but at the time, I was more confused than depressed. Death never affected me like this before, and I often wondered why God didn't heal him through all of the sleepless nights that I prayed for him. Still, this experience brought me closer to God. The moment that I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior, I found peace in my life. I realized that just because a loved one dies doesn't mean you are alone. The rest of my family and friends truly encouraged me to step on with my life. I'm so grateful for their help in such a difficult time and now know that everything is possible with God's help and the encouragement of family and friends.

Seneca Nagy [10]

The hardest thing I've ever had to deal with was life itself and the people in it. I've had to overcome all the struggles that you sometime get from trusting people too much. You can never be too careful with what you say. The discouraging words that people have shot at me have always stressed me out. I've learned that the only person you should have your full faith in is yourself. I'm very thankful for the people who have remained so close to me, and they have showed me how to keep my head up and how to love. Throughout time, you see the truth/lies in people that you thought you once knew. Sometimes, that's the hardest lesson to learn of all.

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"The only thing better than 50 years of Kiski Area High School is 50 more."

Mr. Roland [principal]

10/5/12 homecoming game

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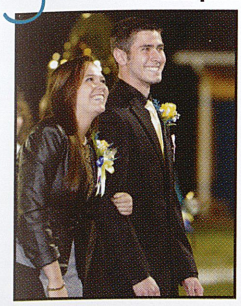

10/6/12 5k run

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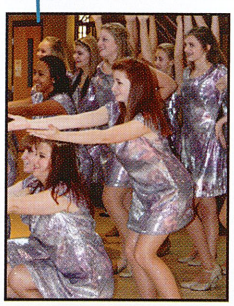
10/6/12 open house



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10/4/12 bonfire

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lebrate 50 years

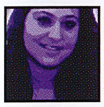
"My ex-girlfriend blocked me from Facebook. That made me so mad."
Vinny Ribar [11]

Just down the block

We all have had tap dancing lessons in the past...

"I started taking dance lessons when I was two. I took tap for a total of 12 years to date." *Savannah Bruno* [9]

"I have tapped since I was three years old. I have also taken ballet, jazz, hip-hop, acro, and lots more." *Megan Beer* [12]

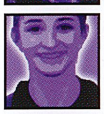


"When I was about six years old, I took tap dance lessons. I passed the shoes to my little cousin, Jennelle." *Brittney Bryan* [12]

"I took tap dancing lessons only for one year, and I liked the noise that it made. It's harder than it looks." *Stephanie Marchwinski* [11]

"I started tapping when I was five years old. I like tapping, but my favorite type of dance is acro." *Marissa Gray* [11]

"I take tap lessons from Renata Marino at *Stage Right* in Greensburg. She's a really good teacher." *Abby Hazlett* [10]



"Tap seems like it should be easy, but it's one of the hardest forms of dance. I've tapped for nine years now." *Kali Leibert* [11]

"It's been a long time, but I used to take tap lessons from *Sandra Lynn's Dance Studio* in Vandergrift." *Kayla Ball* [11]

"Tap dancing was horrible, and I hated it. I quit halfway through a year of lessons, and I'm happy about it." *Autumn Colamarino* [10]

had ta have its

a winterguard show

1 "Winterguard is music made visible. The flags provide color to help the show to flow." *Josie Mains* [9]

2 "The design of the uniform is huge. It has to visually reflect the theme for the judges." *Jessi Showalter* [12]

3 "Sabres add a dance aspect to the show. They help show your technical abilities." *Tricia Kohler* [12]

4 "The rifles add something different to the show, especially with difficult tosses." *Daryn Watt* [9]

Yuletide decorations...

With every movement of the brush, Mike Bair [12] gets closer to finishing the window mural for the December Telethon. Bair said, "Painting that window was so difficult. I had to paint many layers, both forward and backward, so that it looked the same on the outside as it did on the inside." A crew of Mr. Jewart's art students spent over a week painting the atrium windows for the event.

Break the silence...

At the home winterguard competition, Lauren Sheaffer [11] performs a 45 toss in the guard's show entitled *Silent Lucidity*. Sheaffer said, "I think the show is a sad show; it has a lot of emotion, and we have to give a lot of expression." Sheaffer also performed in the marching band's colorguard.

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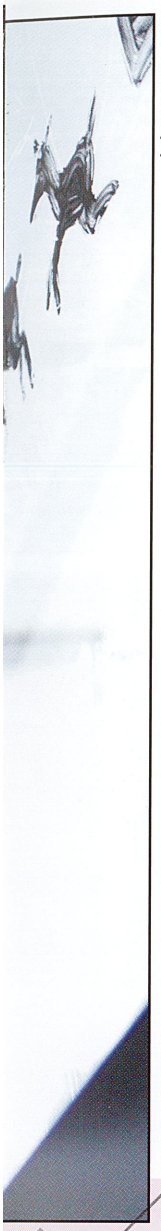

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avoid the roadblock

"Live life to its fullest. You only go through high school once."
Rachel Frye [12]

Dance, dance, dance...

To celebrate la Dia de la Raza, Alex Welsh [11] and Shelby Hubert [10] move to Spanish rhythms in the atrium. Welsh said, "It was awesome getting out of eighth period to celebrate with the Spanish class." Ironically, Welsh came from German descent.

photo: t. cloud [12]

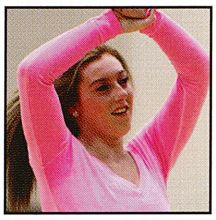
The 5 quint-essential question

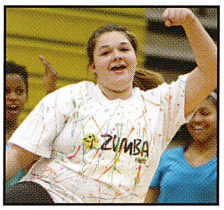
How has dancercise class helped you overcome public fear?

"Ms. Rolling taught me how to perform in front of a crowd and not to worry about what people think."
Caitlyn Ziemianski [12]

"It was never an issue for any of us. Hannah Moore [12] and I had marching band, and Austin Moorhead [12] was involved in musical."
Jocelin Herstek [12]

"We had to do our performance in front of the whole school. Nothing could be worse than that."
Hannah Gentile [12]





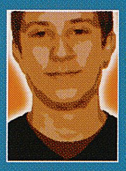
"The class has allowed me to perform in front of others without having to worry about what they think of me."
Katie Ballas [12]

"The class taught us that if you enjoy what you're doing, it doesn't matter who sees you. It matters more to those performing."
Hannah Guzolik [12]

stumbling blocks

Jessica RayMarino [9]

One of the hardest times of my life was moving to a place I had never even heard of, Vandergrift, PA. I had to leave everything I knew; but, that wasn't the worst thing. On our move, my best friend since second grade died, my dog Roscoe. That made everything much worse. It was hard to adjust to a new home without my chubby beagle with me. Although I'm okay now, it still brings me to tears looking at pictures of him. So you suppose I'm dramatic much? I love animals, so it was hard to lose my puppy. It's hard to be attached to something and then lose it. I guess some times are just better than others.



Zach Chatko [10]

The hardest thing in my life would have to be what I am going through right now. Right now, my parents are going through a divorce. Even though I have already decided whom I want to live with, my dad is pushing for joint custody. I suspect he wants joint custody so he doesn't have to pay as much money to my mom. I want to live with my mom because she has always been at my sporting events and band concerts. She has been the main person to take care of me in every situation. Still, with all of this going on, I've found it really hard to stay focused on schoolwork and friends. I'll get through it, because you just have no choice in the matter.

join the movement

art allows many ways to express oneself

get in tune

At the high school level, music came in many different forms. Singing, dancing, or playing an instrument all expressed the feelings of the performer.

"Music is a way of expressing yourself, initiating emotions, and making the audience feel what you feel as you play"

Michael Luciano [11]

in fashion

People based first impressions mostly off appearances. Choice of clothing said a lot about people and who they were. One student explained the importance of fashion.

"Fashion and design lets a person choose the fabric and the print, sculpting the project into whatever they desire."

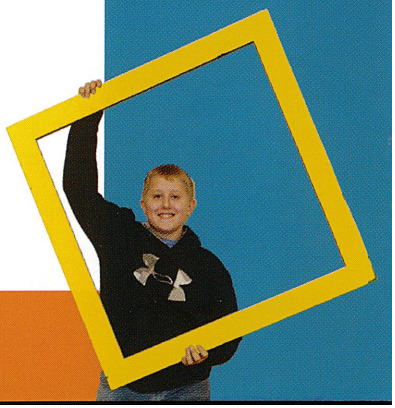
Taylor McHenry [10]

all dolled up

High school girls constantly executed the art of hair and make up. The hues allowed for personal expression, and the hairstyles often demonstrated the latest trends.

"Cosmetology is a skill that takes time to learn and master. Patience is key to creating the perfect look. "

Megan Musto [11]



Coach D always says, block hard and block fast."
Kyle Orris [9]

by the numbers

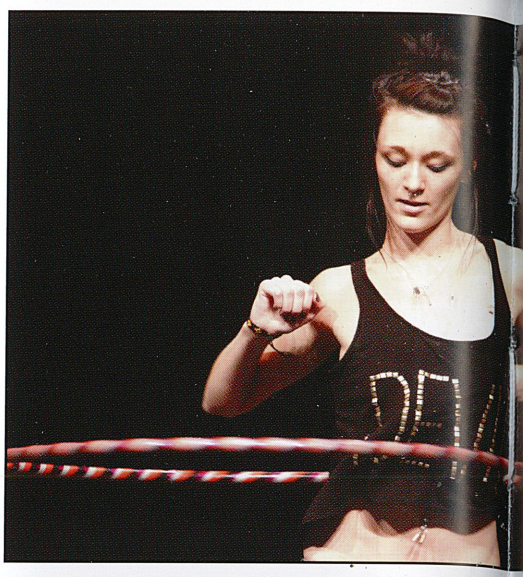
100 students polled

033 i wish i could read people's minds

024 i wish i had the strength of superman

041 i wish i could move objects with my mind

002 i wish i could have x-ray vision



Tricks of the trade...

Performing to her techno-styled music, Shelby Wikert [12] executes various tricks with her hoola-hoops. Spectator Cole Landowski said, "She was awesome. I thought she was different and one of the best of the night." Wikert had a gymnastics background.

We all... have done a standing backflip...

Miss Kanas [fac.]
Janessa Young [12]

Marisa Kish [12]
Mr. Roland [prin.]

Billy Oplinger [12]
Eric Peterman [9]

Garrett Fitzsimmons [10]
Cole Landowski [12]

photo: *k. aller* [11]

With gentle hands...

Careful not to let her fall, Jake Wilson [12] assists Hannah Milheim [12] in their production of *Once upon a December* from *Anastasia*. Milheim said, "Dancing with Jake was a really fun experience. He was really nervous, but did a great job." Seniors voted Milheim and Wilson the Class Couple of 2013.

Time to showcase talents

key club hosts 11th annual talent show

After a dress rehearsal the night before, elementary, intermediate school, and high school students from all over the district gathered on January 18, 2013 to display their talents to an awaiting audience.

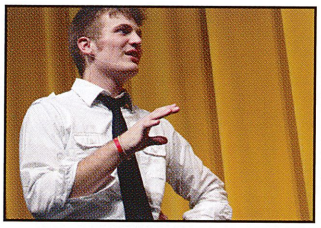
The elementary division featured eight acts, the intermediate featured 10, and the high school saw eight acts perform.

Key Club sponsor Mrs. Haney [fac.] said, "The annual talent show is one of the club's biggest events of the year. It's nice to have representation from all three levels of education in the district. It's also a great opportunity for everyone to witness some great talent in our schools."

preparing

For weeks beforehand, members of Key Club labored to schedule, rehearse, and prepare the stage for all the acts.

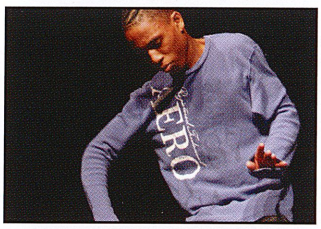
Coordinator Kaylee Hansberry [12] said, "It was quite a daunting and exhausting task to make it all happen. I'm glad it's over."



hosting

To keep the flow moving, Kaylee Hansberry [12], Zach Mszyco [11], Noah Kennedy [11], and Marisa Kish [12] emceed the event.

Kennedy said, "The hardest part was coming up with spur-of the-moment improvised comments while hundreds of people were watching."



performing

From a magic show performance to mimicking Tom Cruise's *Risky Business* dance, the talent featured a variety of acts.

Past winner and animation dancer Trey Gibson [10] said, "The show was a great opportunity for people to perform in front of a crowd."

photo: k. aller [11]

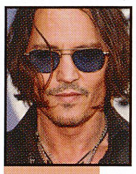
most talented

students recognize bests across variety of genres

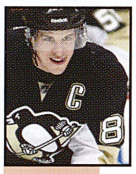
"Neil Peart (drummer for Rush.) He has a unique ability to come up with many different rhythms and beats. I try to emulate him." *Evan Kovarik* [10]

"Torstein Horgmo (snowboarder.) He can throw a triple cork off of a big air jump, and he is also a phenomenal slope-styler." *Alex Cooper* [11]

"Coco Zurita (BMX rider.) He's a really good, underrated BMS vert rider. I also love that he's actually from Chile." *Kevin Stewart* [12]

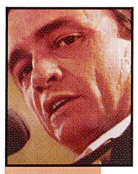


"Johnny Depp (actor.) He has a rare ability to change his voice and appearance to become whatever role he's need for." *Zoey Karpinski* [10]



"Sidney Crosby (hockey player.) He won the Stanley Cup for the Pittsburgh Penguins, he's really good at it, and he knows the game well." *Eric Donnelly* [9]

"Julianne Hough (actress.) Her performance in *Footloose* was better than the original. Also, I love her ability to dance and perform." *Savannah Bruno* [9]



"Johnny Cash (singer.) He was an awesome guy who really set the foundation for country music for the past and present." *Nick Hauber* [9]

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Wanted dead or alive...

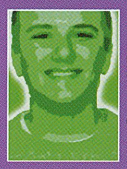
In front of the packed auditorium, Katie Lewis [9] and Olivia Shirley [7] dance to *On Your Grave* by Kate Rusby. Lewis said, "I've danced since I was 2 years old. It's just a passion of mine." The two practiced the routine since before school started.

"I was born a redhead, so I have to wear some major sunblock." Tina Magness [12]

stumbling blocks

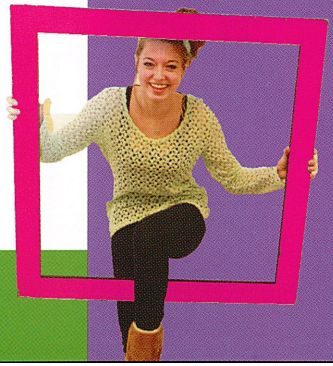
Lauren Broste [10]

One time, I fell in the hallway, and I was so embarrassed. Luckily, I was with my best friends, Maggie and Leah, so they fell, too, and I was not embarrassed anymore. We all laughed it off, but ended up getting in trouble for sitting in the middle of the hallway. When I mess up in front of people, I usually get upset because I get so embarrassed. My friends all help me to get over it and encourage me not to care what other people think. We always laugh off our silly mistakes, and I am so lucky to have them in my life for support. The next time I happen to slip in the hallway, hopefully, I'm with my friends, Leah and Mags.



Chris Rosella [10]

The most difficult thing that I have had to do was help my dad open our family business. I helped him a lot. But, that wasn't why it was so hard. My dad was working over 100 hours per week. For three months, my family was so disordered. We were spending all of our time at the store helping out. It took roughly one year for the store to get up and running smoothly. Now, the store is running fine, and we have been in operation for over three years successfully. This was an extremely difficult time for me and my family. Still, with all the hard work and dedication that we put in, we now can enjoy the benefits of owning our own business and not have to worry any more.



hind sight

students dish on renovations

A national landmark, the grandstand at Davis Field in Vandergrift has sheltered no students for six years. As an initiative to commemorate the district's 50th Anniversary, vo-tech students renovated the covered stands.

the fans

shelter from the weather...

"It was awesome not having to stand in the rain. I spent too many Friday evenings getting soaked while trying to support the team."
Mike Simmons [10]

restoring a landmark...

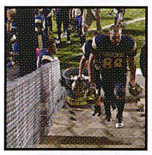
"It's always a good thing when somebody takes the effort to improve something that has so much history and impact on student turnout at the games."
Amber Phillips [11]

vo-tech boys' contribution...

"I think that the vo-tech kids did a great job because everyone really missed the student section and they now have a place to cheer on the team together."
Ben Fiore [10]

chance for unity...

"The renovated grand stand gave the students a spot to actually support the football team. Since it was so huge, a lot more people came to fill it up."
Kaylie Dilts [12]



revitalization of school spirit...

"I've played on the team for four years. This was the first time that I ever experienced such a huge amount of student body support for the team."
Vance Walker [12]

impact on team's success...

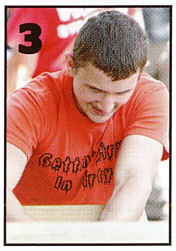
"The renovations definitely brought a lot more school spirit, which carried over into how we performed on the field. I think we won more games because if it."
Josh Wiskeman [12]

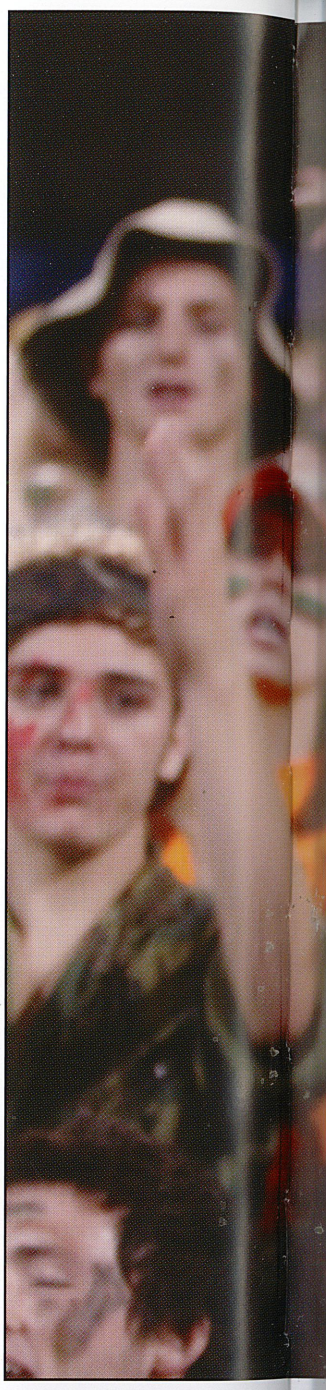
the workers

1) Dustin Stover [12] stick welds brackets for the bleacher seats.

2) John Burtick [12] focuses on his arc for a good weld bead.

3) Steven Lauffer [12] drills holes in the wood to support the seats.





Mega spirited...

At the game against Gateway on 9/14/12, Chelsea Thompson [12] dons the Cavalier suit to roud up the crowd. Thompson said, "I love the new student section. It really let us all come together." Students wore camo in the new grand stand to support the team.

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poll position

100 students polled

which themed night do you think worked best?

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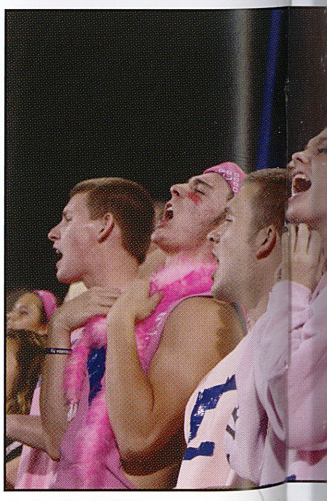

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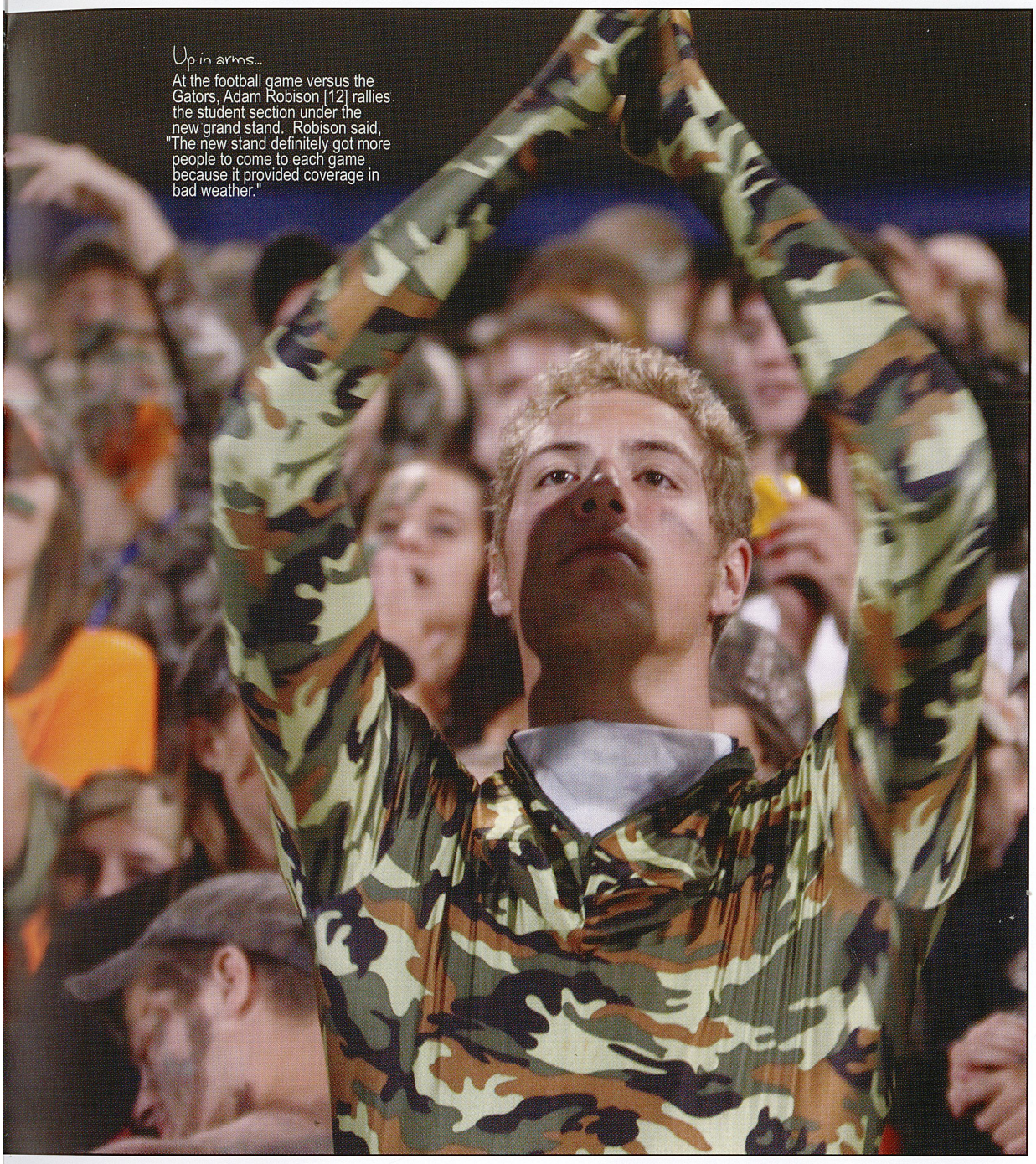
avoid the roadblock

"Don't worry about what people think and just do your own thing."
Joe Bruno [11]



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Up in arms...

At the football game versus the Gators, Adam Robison [12] rallies the student section under the new grand stand. Robison said, "The new stand definitely got more people to come to each game because it provided coverage in bad weather."

stumbling blocks

Sydney Greece [12]

Having to deal with my great grandmother dying from blood on the brain was very difficult. She was my closest grandma. When I was little, we would make waffle cookies together. When she passed, I was devastated. She gave me a cross necklace a couple of weeks before she died and I take it with me everywhere. I always make waffle cookies when I miss her. I still don't know the special ingredient she used, but every time I make them, I try something new to find it. She was my best friend and I miss her tons. I do always know that she is here with me and that makes me feel so much better.

Abbey Schiebel [9]

One of my most embarrassing moments was when I fell flat on my face in front of really cute guys. I was walking into an ice rink for my hockey practice and I started for the lockerroom. My friends and I walked out of the lockerroom to go to the bathroom when I tripped over a bar stool leg and fell flat on my face. Before I fell, I noticed a group of really good-looking boys watching us. When I sat up from falling, I saw that all of my friends and the boys were laughing at me. It was a moment that, unfortunately, I'll never forget.

Pretty in pink...

A group of seniors cheer on the football team at the Homecoming Game versus Norwin. Ciaira Price [12] said, "It was so nice having one place for all of the student body to gather together to root the team on to victory." The home team won the game with a score of 36-14.

timed squares

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"I know that the renovations improved school spirit because everyone met in one place."
Jordan Kiebler [12]

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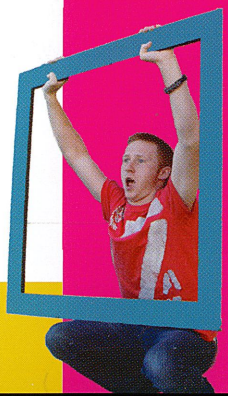
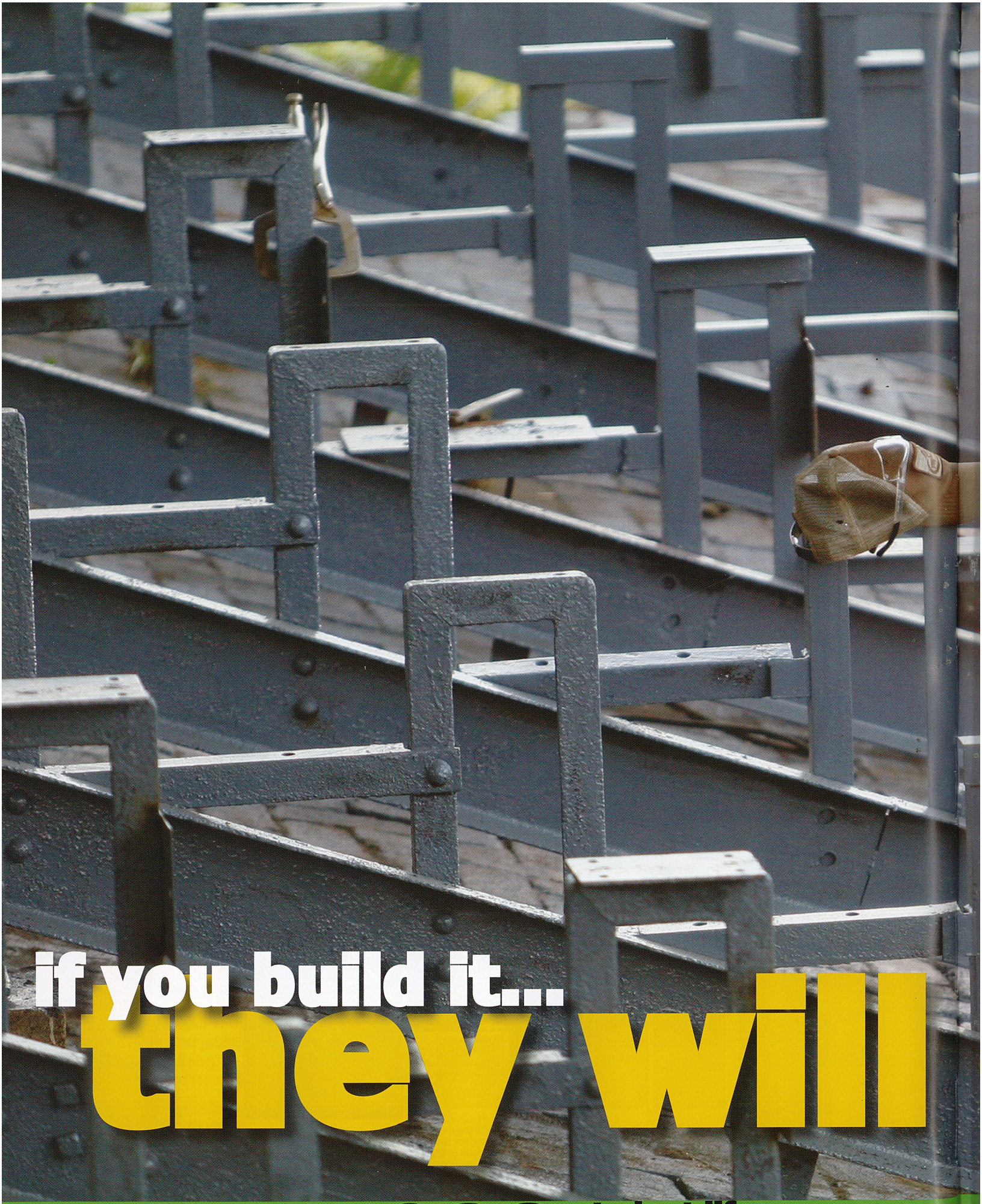
"I really loved that the band was right next to the student section. We got really loud at times."
Myaunna Lawhorn [12]



"The only blocks we see in our heads are mental ones."
Andy McDonald [11]



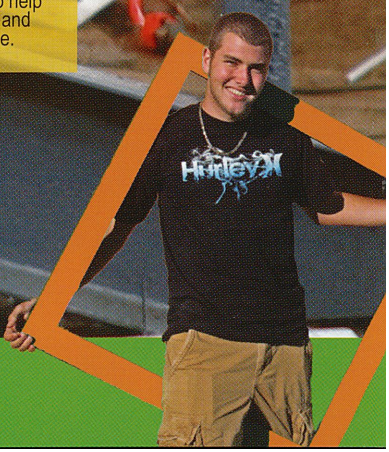
if you build it... they will

photo: *j. herstek* [12]

come

In light of it...

On May 14, 2012, Bobby Irwin [12] stick welds a mount for the newly renovated grandstand at Davis Field. Irwin said, "It was a great opportunity to apply the skills I gained at NWCTC to help renovate the stadium." He and 28 others aided in the cause.



"I don't let the block of a hockey loss get me down, I just get up and try harder."
Ricky Dengler [10]

davis field renovations

Just down the block

What charity do you believe in the most and why?

"The *American Red Cross*... because they help people out when ever natural disasters strike." *Robert Reed* [11]

"*Make a Wish*... because I knew someone who really benefited from their kind outreaches." *Travis Wheeler* [9]

"*Alzheimer's Association*... my aunt and my grandma both had it. It was nice having help for them." *Stephen Walker* [9]

"The *Salvation Army*... because they help people who need assistance. They're also everywhere." *Emma Weaver* [11]

"*Toys for Tots*... because there are people that aren't as fortunate as I was. They need their spirits lifted." *Dalton Prew* [9]

"*American Cancer Society*... because a lot of people have been affected by cancer and we need a cure." *Stacey Sikora* [11]

"The *Greensburg Christain and Missionary Alliance Church*... because they give help where it's needed." *Mrs. Calisti* [fac.]

"The *American Cancer Society*... because everyone deserves to live a full, happy, wonderful, and healthy life." *Jeremiah Mehal* [9]

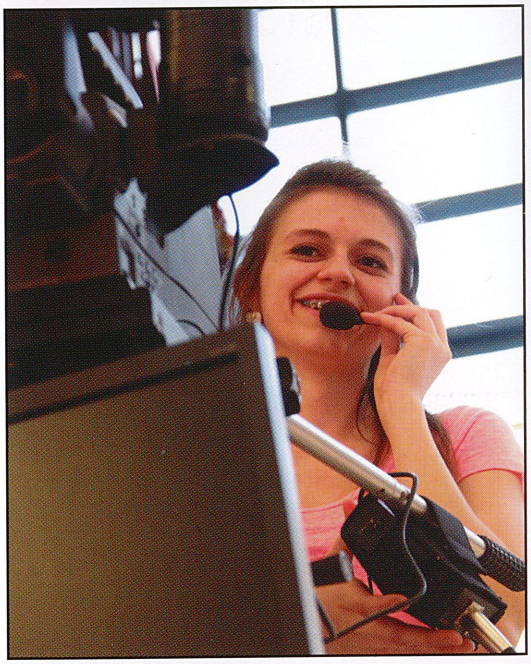
"*Breast Cancer Awareness*... because my great grandmother had breast cancer and it's important." *Mrs. Hald* [fac.]

Remotely located...

On December 6, 2012, Theresa Gibson [12] and Mr. Gonnella [prin.] talk on air for the Telethon broadcast. Anchor Jocelin Herstek [12] said, "That sure was a long week. I spent three hours each day both at remote locations and at the base in the atrium."

Lights, camera, action...

Near the front of the atrium, Tiffany Cupec [11] talks to Mr. Jack while filming interviews. Cupec said, "Working the camera for Telethon was fun. I thrived on the chaos." She filmed for four out of the five Telethon days.



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ad ta haveits

1 "Holding raffles was a great way to raise a lot of money, especially with Chinese auctions." *Megan Majersky* [12]

2 "My mom and I have actually manned a Salvation Army bucket. It was cold." *Jayme Grantz* [9]

3 "For one day, Jordan King and I interviewed the Krachanko bros. I used a mike." *Rachel Frye* [12]

4 "When I hear that Salvation Army bell ringing, I immediately think of Christmas." *Kristin Beatty* [10]

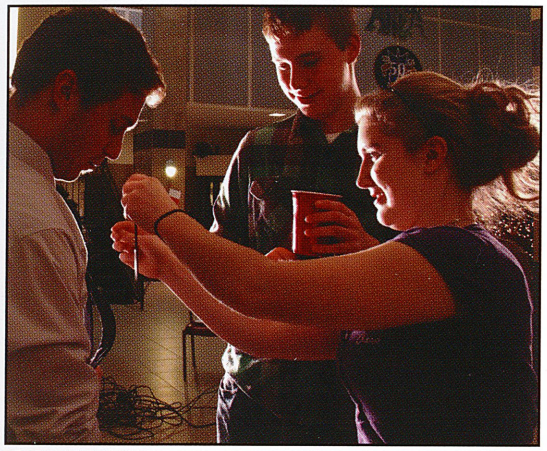
photo: h. hohman [12]

avoid the roadblock

"Try to always give selflessly. You never know whose life you may improve."
Sharyn Taylor [11]

Necessary adjustments...

Just prior to going on air and under the bright lights, Kara Headley [11] and Zach Mszyco help Mr. Jack [fac.] with his tie. Headley said, "If it weren't for me, Mr. Jack would have looked a hot mess." Headley served as president of the Technology Services Team.



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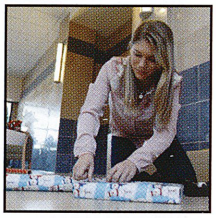
The 5 quint-essential question

Did decorating the atrium put you into a holiday mood?

"It really did. It was the beginning of December and painting the windows made me feel festive."
Marie Rottschaefer [12]

"It definitely did. I loved seeing everyone's faces light up when they saw our decorations."
Danetta Gift [12]

"I think it did. I wrapped around six or seven presents. They were actually just empty cardboard boxes."
Casey Allen [9]



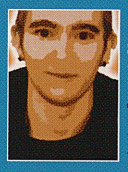
"It really did. I liked that we took the time to help and make the atrium look festive for the holidays."
Kelsey Kinnamon [9]

"It sure did. It was exciting getting out of school for a day. Decorating the trees allowed me to get into the spirit of the season."
Gwen Geisler [12]

stumbling blocks

Tamara Cox [10]

The most difficult time in my life was when my best friend Emma left my old school. Emma was the friendliest person I ever knew, and she never once doubted our friendship. Still, I did, and it ended when she left the school. It was my fault, and I knew that. It made me feel worse than I have ever felt in my whole life. Emma told me that it was not my fault, and through all that I put her through, she still called me a good friend. I might have hit a hard block with her, but she taught me that one of the most important lessons that you have to learn in life is to just be yourself. I'll never forget how close we were, and she'll always be dear to my heart.



Jordan Christ [12]

When I was 22 months old, I was diagnosed with spinal meningitis. I was in a coma for 10 days and almost died. My parents randomly found out one day because they called our doctor and he gave them instructions with what to do for me. They set me on the floor and pulled my head up a little bit. I screamed so the doctor told my parents to bring me in to the hospital as soon as possible. I barely had a chance to live, but I still did. Now, every year I have to get all the vaccinations available since I will always be at a high risk for getting it again. You just have to do everything you can to survive with what you're given in this life.

cash for a good cause

proceeds benefit those in need at the holidays

going on air

Every night, two students talked live about Christmas for an hour. They discussed fun facts, trivia, and their own holiday traditions on air.

"It was nice to see the elementary kids so excited about Christmas; it really gets you in the Christmas spirit."

Gillian Debick [9]

decking the halls

Students set up a Christmas tree and presents in the atrium. Snowflakes adorned the ceiling and garland decorated the set.

"Decorating the atrium took two full days, but taking it down at the end of the week took less than a period. "

Louisa Gibson [12]

behind the scenes

Tech services constantly worked behind the scenes. They ran everything from the lights to the camera and from the sound to the editing.

"My favorite telethon memories are of the times we're not actually working and are just having fun together."

Noah Kennedy [11]

"Everybody's life comes together one block at a time. You determine its strength."
Andrew Yohe [11]

all about deer

by the numbers

006 percent increase from 2010-11 season

336200 number of deer taken by hunters

1/100000 natural chances for a deer to be born albino

2.5 50% of all buck taken were at least this many years old

We all...

have (or used to have) snowmobiles at home

Timothy Conroy [11]
Thomas Rogers [11]

Andrew Yohe [11]
Allan Goldstrom [12]

Tommy Pollick [11]
John Mozina [9]

Nicole Claus [9]
Kelly McWilliams [12]

Raising the bar...

Riding Twister, Nicole Troup [11] jumps the bar at an indoor arena. Troup said, "I got into show jumping because I saw people doing it, and it really interested me." The Troups boarded Twister at Hidden Meadows Farm located in Apollo, PA.

Out for a ride...

In Venango County at her friend Courtney's camp, Carlie Tomajko [12] rides a quad. Tomajko said, "We go once a year to camp. I love that it is away from civilization. There's a lot of trails to ride on." She also owned a quad at her house on Melwood Road.

photo: *I. robinson* [par.]

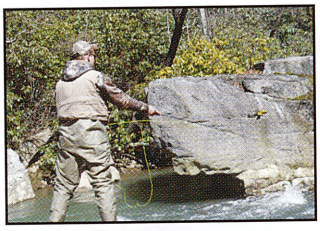
Grab your rifles and rods

Outdoor activities serve as a way of life for some

With 20 state forests and numerous rivers, lakes, and creeks, Pennsylvania offered a wide variety of opportunities for those who loved the outdoors. Additionally, students had families with camps that sat in different parts of the state. At those camps, traditions sent down from generation to generation stood strong.

Students had fishing boats, quads, motorcycles, hiking gear, tackle boxes, ammunition, licenses, boots, hunting garments, and many other items necessary to become one with nature and the outdoors.

While not all students bought into this type of lifestyle, many others certainly did. For those students, fishing, hunting, and trapping became a common trait.



fishing

From small streams to the Allegheny River, avid fishermen took to the waters in the hopes of reeling in that big one.

On Meadow Run in Ohiopyle, fly fisherman Bobby Irwin [12] said, "Fly fishing is a difficult and intimate approach to fishing. It takes years of practice to master the proper techniques involved."

hunting

Depending on the season, hunters used guns, rifles, and bows and arrows to down their prey.

At her house in Bell Township, Sierra Maher [11] said, "Turkey hunting is one of my hobbies, and it is definitely one of my favorites. I love the adrenaline rush I get before I shoot a beautiful gobbler."

trapping

Rich in wooded forests, western Pennsylvania housed a plethora of wild animals. For one student, trapping became a passion.

Trapper Shane Kuhn [11] said, "Not a lot of people trap any more. I enjoy it as a hobby, and it also gives me the opportunity to earn extra bucks outdoors."

on the mount

Hunters discuss where and how they made the shot

photo: k. aller[11]

"Besides this wildcat, we have a fox mount, a hog mount, nine deer mounts, a turkey mount, and fish mounts at home." *Montana Churma* [10]

"My dad shot the bear in Maine in 2012. We also have a coyote, a fox, a lot of deer, and a ram. Two of the deer are actually mine." *Kayla Salego* [12]

"The coyote mounted in our house came from Amber Vozar's property. My dad shot it about three years ago. I'm also a hunter." *Tory Jackson* [11]

"My brother, Jared, trapped his fox behind our house in Washington Township. I think he got it a couple of years ago." *Ashton Prusia* [11]

"My dad caught the shark about four or five years ago. He went on a fishing trip to the Pacific Ocean. The shark is about five feet long." *John Bazella* [9]

"My dad shot the pheasant in Plum Boro somewhere when he was 16 years old. We actually have a total of five mounts in the house." *Dylan Blair* [11]

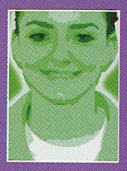
"I actually shot my deer in Fawn Township in archery season in November of 2012. It was about a 35 yard shot." *Levi Naughton* [12]

photo: k. aller[11]

On the Hunt...

Behind her house in the woods, Alex Seaholm [11] aims at her deer target. Seaholm said, "I got into hunting because my family likes to hunt, especially my dad." Seaholm had bagged two buck to date.

stumbling blocks

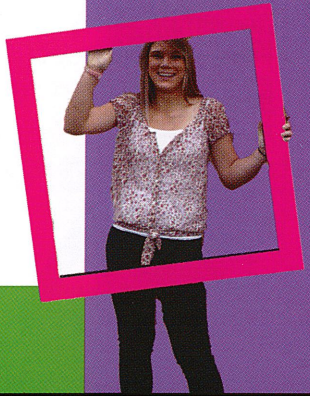


Allison Lahr [10]

On May 19, 2010, my mom badly and severely burnt her hand. She was cooking pierogies with olive oil and she moved them off the hot eye too fast and it splashed on to her hand. She went to the burn unit at the hospital that night. It was really hard on my sister and I because she is a really important part of our lives. She is always there for us, and we had to be there for her. After months of therapy, she started to feel better. She is now fully recovered and has full range in all of her fingers and thumb. I'm so glad that everything worked out because one of the hardest things to go through is watching people that you love experience hardships.

Jesse Temple [11]

The most difficult time in my life would have to be when my mom had open-heart surgery. Her valves to her heart were slowing down from when she got radiation as a treatment for cancer as a teenager. If she hadn't gotten the surgery, she would have died within six months. The scary part was that my mom had a bad history with anesthesia, along with her insides being weak. We were told there was a high chance that my mom might not wake up. It was the hardest thing to see her in intensive care. I prayed every night for her. She ended up recovering much more quickly than we ever thought possible. I love her more than anyone else on earth.



"At rodeos, I block out all mental distractions before every barrel run." Casey Allen [9]

hind sight

veterans discuss various aspects

"The Drowsy Chaperone," under the direction of Mr. Robert Capanna, allowed students to tap into their own creativity to experience the wonder and magic of live theatre. Graduates of the show offered their opinions below.

the grads

on live performances...

"After months of practice, the curtain finally opens. Shear nervousness overcomes you for a moment. But, as you preform, all your hard work pays off."
Jesse Scanga [2012 grad.]

on the bonds made...

"I've learned more from musical than anything else in high school. I've learned how to share and how to love. My stage families will always be dear to my heart."
Lauren Whaley [2012 grad.]

on singing...

"Singing in a musical never really made me feel nervous because I have been in so many performances. Having a lead is just like being part of the team."
David Hampshire [2012 grad.]

on stage crew antics...

"The puns made about the building materials, the crazy nicknames we got, and always giving Mr. Jack a hard time provided for a great time."
Casey Dalsass [2012 grad.]

on learning lines...

"Memorizing your lines is very challenging. However, adding details like quirky moves or a fun voice always seems to help them stick."
Jessica Pollick [2012 grad.]

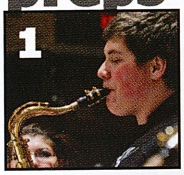
on the magic of theater...

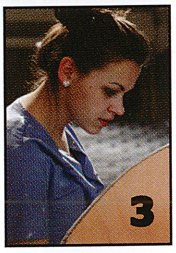
"The feeling on stage is indescribable! The theater world is like no other. No club, sports team, or activity could take its place. I wouldn't trade it for the world!"
Emily Summerville [2012 grad.]

avoid the roadblock

"Never act badly on family. They're the ones who will support you."
Phil Lagrotteria [12]

the preps





1) Austin Fedyt [11] rehearses his saxophone in the pit band.

2) Karisa Cesario [11] curls her hair to get ready for the show.

3) Grace Gongaware [2012 grad.] paints a mural for the set.

check it out

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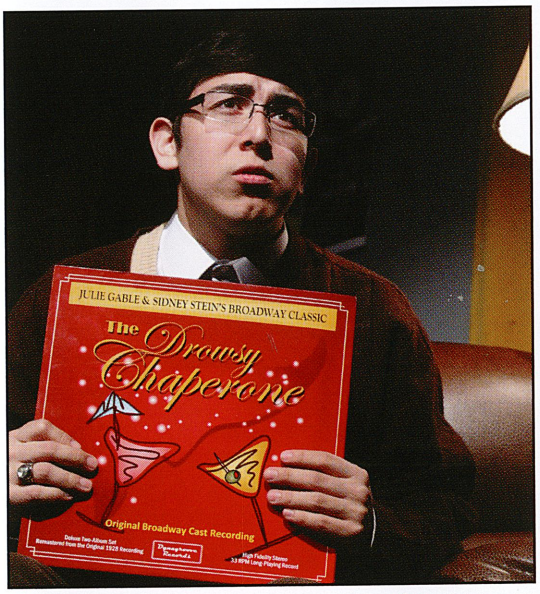
Phlled with laughter...

During the opening scene of *The Drowsy Chaperone*, Phil Byford [2012 grad.] sets the plot for the show. Zach Mszyco said, "The character was a lot like Phil. I remember him saying that he wished he had done more musicals in high school." After graduation, Byford entered the US Army.



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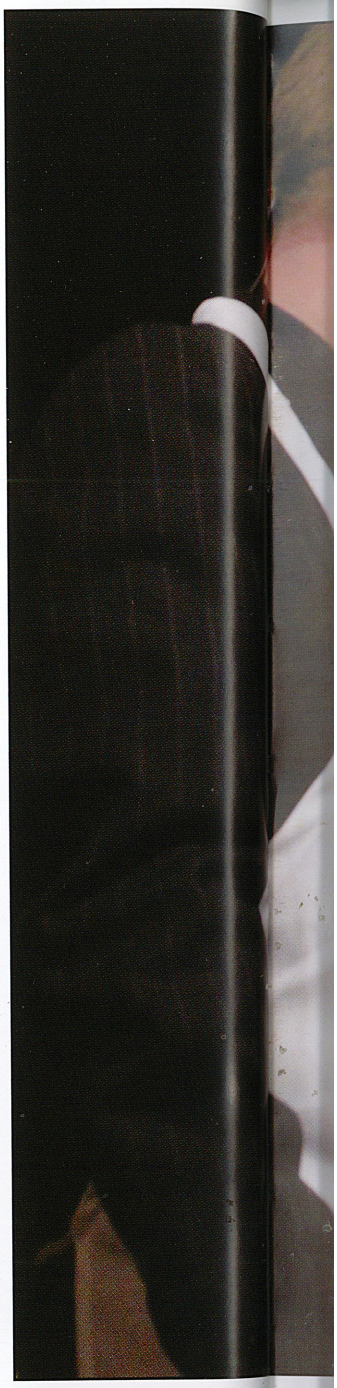

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poll position

100 students polled

which is your favorite broadway show?

the lion king

phantom of the opera

mama mia

wicked

photo: s. mihelic [2012 grad.]

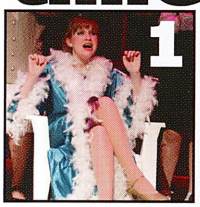
Freeze frame...

Toward the beginning of Act I, Austin Moorhead [12], Jessica Pollick [2012 grad.], and Joe Bruno [11] freeze to let the narrator explain the scene. "It was very difficult to stand completely still and not crack up in front of the audience," Bruno said. *The Drowsy Chaperone* had its actors freezing twice in this scene.

I'll drink to that...

Sprawled out on the leather sofa, the drowsy chaperone, played by Megan Paullet [12], partakes in her usual spirits. Paullet said, "It was definitely a learning experience playing a drunk. It's a lot harder than it looks." Paullet also played sousaphone for the award-winning marching band.

timed squares



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"*Show Off* was a fun song to sing and it allowed me to expand my acting abilities."
Kaylee Hansberry [12]

photo: s. mihelic [2012 grad.]

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"My favorite scene was the spit take scene with Emily. I did my best to not crack up."
Matt Emanuelson [12]

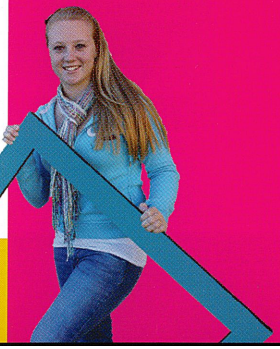
stumbling blocks

Kasey Stewart [9]

Life is something you have to take day by day because you never know what could happen. One day, when I was in first grade, my teacher received an urgent call to release me from school. At the time, I was young and naive, so I didn't think much of it. Later that evening, I found out that my father had been in a horrific car accident and that his chance of survival was very low. So young, I really didn't know what to think. I spent the following year visiting him in and out of hospitals and rehabilitation centers. No kid should have to go through something like that. Still, it has made me stronger. I'm glad to report that my dad is still alive today.

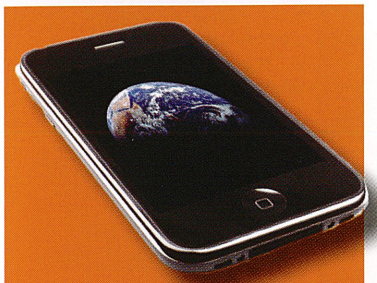
Marissa Williams [12]

The most difficult time of my life was in 2009 when my great grandma passed away. I was 13 years old, and it was obviously something that I didn't want to happen. I remember coming home from school and my brother saying, "We need to leave because grandma is sick." She was sick for about a week before she passed on. It was over spring break, so I was able to stay with her and spend her last couple of days with her. I'm so grateful to have that valuable time with her. My grandma was a wonderful lady who would do anything for anyone. I miss her so much and will always cherish the times that we got to spend together.



"When I get a mental block, I like to take a walk into the woods to clear my mind."
Cassie Jaskiewicz [11]

these are a few of our favorite



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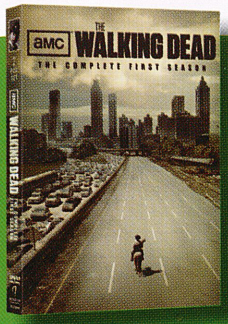

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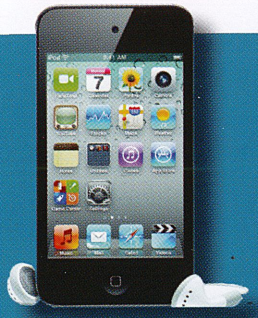

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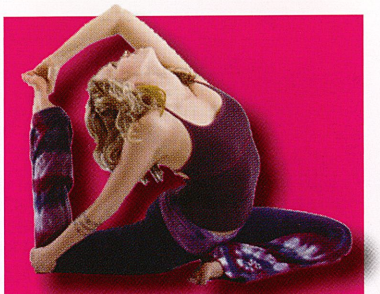

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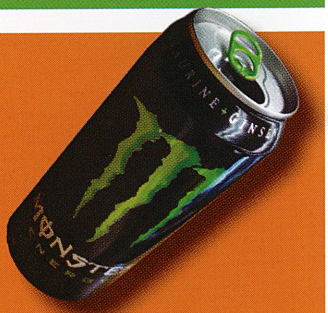

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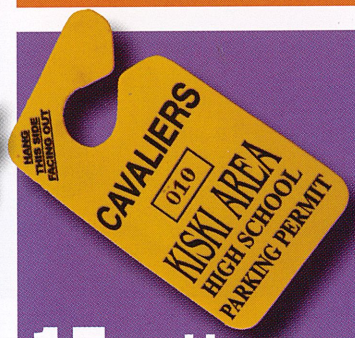

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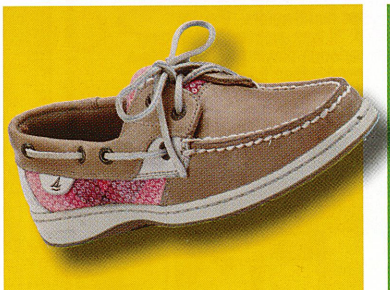

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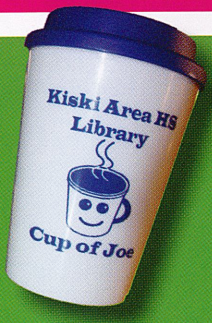

22 library drinks

things...

100 students polled

5 jeggings

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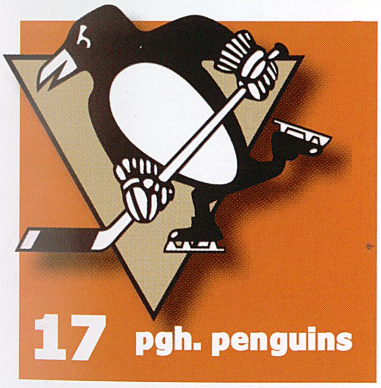

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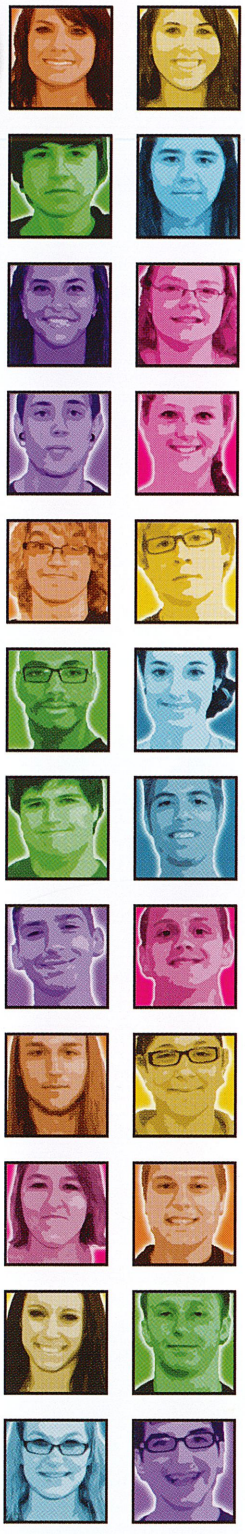
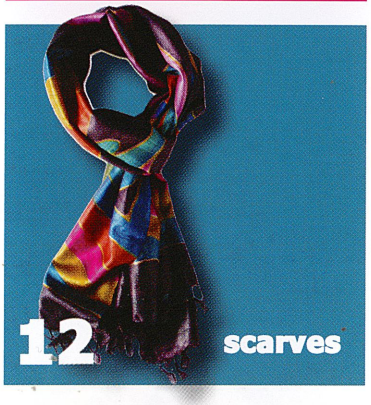


1) "I always have to have my cell phone. I feel lost without it."
Maria Cline [11]
2) "My gym bag is Vera, my lunch box is Vera, my make-up bag is Vera, my wallet is Vera, my key chain is Vera. You could say that I'm a Vera fan."
Sarah Strickengloss [12]
3) "I love that it's full of suspense and has dramatically intense story lines."
Jake Mayo [9]
4) "I love music and my iPod allows me to listen to it whenever I want."
Chelsea Murphy [9]
5) "Jeggings allow me to have that jean look with more comfort."
Katie Dunnivan [12]
6) "I would eat a frog if it were smothered in ranch dressing."
Breanna Daugherty [10]
7) "X-Box is sweet and I play it every day. My favorite game is *Modern Warfare III*."
Cliff Crawford [10]
8) "I love that they're stretchy and comfortable to wear in class."
Cassie Jaskiewicz [11]
9) "Without my energy drinks, I wouldn't be me. They help me to stay awake all morning in my classes. I hate the crash, though."
Ben Wilson [9]
10) "I like snap backs because of the way that they fit. I like that it doesn't give me hat hair."
Jeremy Husarik [9]
11) "Facebook allows me to chat with friends and add pictures for everyone to see."
Tyler Lewis [12]
12) "I just adore scarves. They make me feel comfortable and allow me to accessorize to the max."
Sierra Maher [11]
13) "I love that Sheetz is open 24 hours a day. It can curb my midnight hunger."
Cameron Lawecki [12]
14) "I did my best this year to promote school spirit. It affected the total attitude of the whole school."
Adam Robison [12]
15) "I have a pass because everyone on my bus annoys the daylights out of me."
Adam Romani [12]
16) "Snow days give me time to relax during the school week and a chance to get things done."
Nate Blankenbicker [9]
17) "It was hard getting through the early fall without my Penguins to watch on TV."
Brian Clark [11]
18) "Nike shoes are my favorite brand. I wear them all the time."
Shalynn Johnson [9]
19) "I love how instagram lets me edit my photos to make them look cool."
Hayley Hackman [9]
20) "I love putting hot sauce on everything from tator tots at lunch to veggies at home."
Josh Clifford [12]
21) "Sperrys are cute, fashionable, comfortable, and can be worn with anything."
Alexis Ferraccio [10]
22) "If the library didn't sell coffee, I'd have lots more money and would spend most of the day sleeping."
Andrew McDonald [11]
23) "I really like the patterns that typically appear on flannel. Plaid rocks!"
Karen Keltz [9]
24) "You can't deny that the Steelers are the best team in the NFL. Just count the rings."
Jason Bauman [9]

6 ranch dressing



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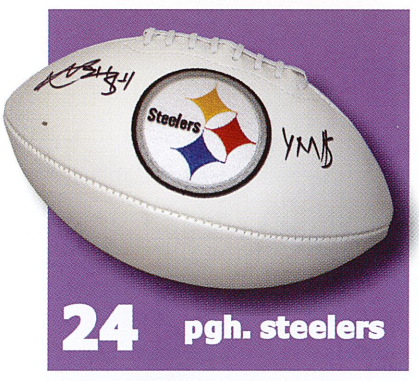


24 pgh. steelers

photos by:
1) *a. satterfield* [12]
2) *j. herstek* [12]
3) *p. fantaski* [fac.]
4) *j. herstek* [12]
5) *t. dould* [12]
6) *h. hohman* [12]

1) In hopes of pumping up the crowd, Samm Shirey [12] cheers with her varsity team at the Penn Trafford football game. Shirey cheered all through school.

2) In between classes, Mr. Gonnella [prin.] talks with Alyk Harris [10] at his locker. Gonnella wore his Italian colors whenever possible throughout the year.

3) Early in the morning, Ms. Antenucci [fac.] searches for treasures in the Spanish street sale. The sale helped raised money for a trip to Spain for certain student travelers at the end of the year.

4) Nick Stone [12] volunteers his time to help out at the *Jam the Gym* event held during volleyball season. Stone sold shirts and bracelets for the evening.

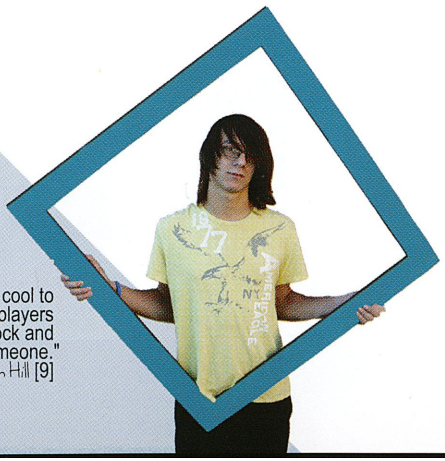
5) Rowdy for the pep assembly to begin, Jalesa Morris [11] shouts out cheers. The Homecoming Pep Assembly featured individual acts from all court members and their escorts.

6) Austin Feydt [11] and Cole Insko [11] examine an exhibit at a museum in Chicago. The two attended the jazz band's trip in December.

People

Each day, the ringing of the bell signified not only the end of a class period, but also the beginning of what seemed to become a Chinese fire drill. Utter chaos ensued, and the daily travels of students found rest rooms, hallways, and lockers blocked by the massive student body. Katie Lewis [9] said, "During the first few weeks of school, I could barely make it to class on time because of the crowded hallways. Eventually, I found quicker routes, but it was a terrifying experience, attempting to weave my way around upperclassmen who were twice my size." Though freshmen in particular struggled to adjust to the hectic hallways, little has changed over the years for students. Shane Kuhn [11] said, "The hallways are tighter than the backseat of a Volkswagen. For a man of my stature, maneuvering the hallways is a daily problem."

For other students, navigating the hallways became a high-stakes affair. On the much anticipated Krazy Dipper lunch days, Adam Mitcheson [11] said, "Shortly after eating those dippers, I knew that I was going to have to make a bee-line to the little boys room." For whatever reason, the trek from class to class presented various road blocks. Students had to find their ways around them or deal with the consequences of coming late to class.



"I think it's really cool to watch football players attempt a block and crush someone."
Dan Hill [9]

just seniors

How did your mom get you to this point in your life?

"My mom has helped motivate and encourage me the whole way. Thanks."

Aryan Tobin (12)

"She has taught me the difference between right and wrong."

Katie Clever (12)

"She's always proud of me and supports me all the time."

Kayla Salego (12)

"My mom has provided me with the strength to overcome any obstacle."

Mike Childs (12)

Jason Anderson

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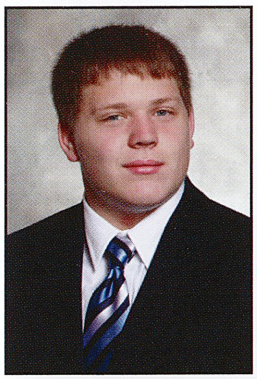

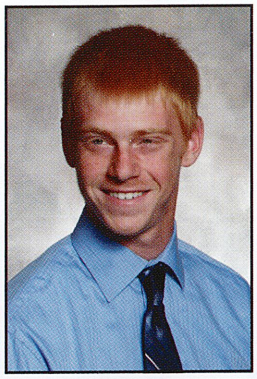

Daniel Antoniono

Frank Armello

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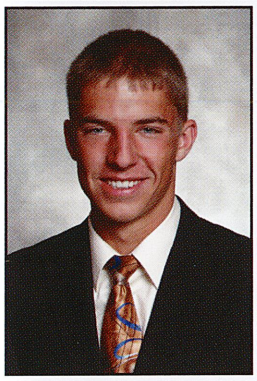
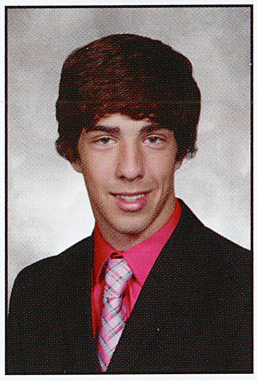
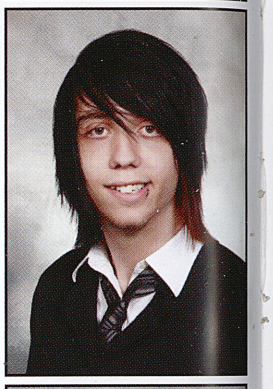




Katlyn Aughenbaugh

Abigail Ausk

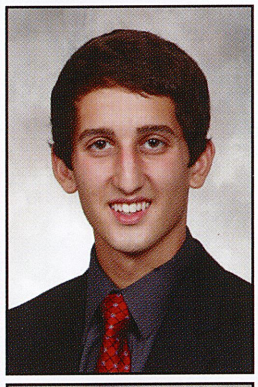
Michael Bair

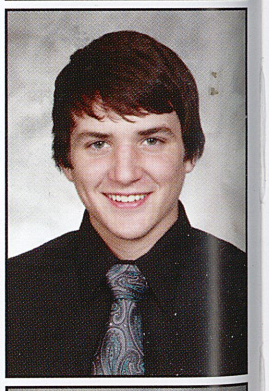


Kathleen Ballas

Conner Bardine

Cole Bauman

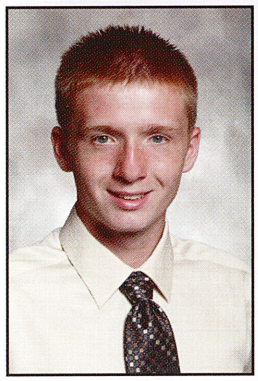


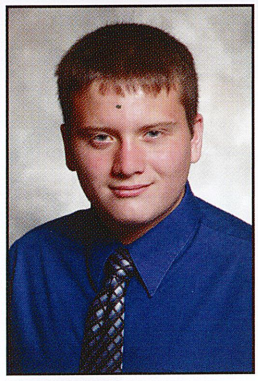


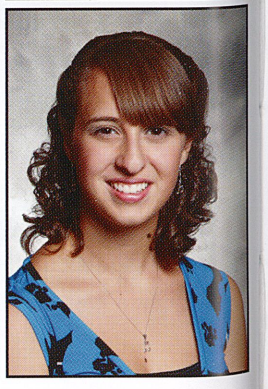
Alex Baxter

Ryne Baxter

Laurel Beatty







avoid the roadblock

"Go big or go home. What do you have to lose?"

Ryan Seijo [12]

Brianna Bennett

Olivia Berkey

Travis Bittinger

Brianna Black

Amber Blanck

Kyle Blackenbicker

Leeanna Bolinger

Patrick Bouch

Scott Bridge

Dominick Brigamen

Andrew Brock

Bridget Brown

stumbling blocks

Brittney Bryan [12]

One of the hardest things I ever went through was in the end of fourth grade. I got an eye injury that could have affected me the rest of my life. I had to lie in bed for three weeks straight. I was not allowed to do anything, even watch television. Being ten years old at the time, that was a big deal. Almost losing your eyesight in one eye forever though was a bigger deal. If it wasn't for my grandma and my mom, along with various other family members waiting on me all the time and taking care of me, I would probably be blind in one eye now.

Kaitlyn Rudasille [12]

I used to make a lot of bad decisions that lead me into many difficult situations. For a while, I was in the wrong crowd and not the person I wanted to be. I got into a lot of trouble and I was losing friends. Even though I was not the best friend, I still had three people who were my best friends and were like sisters to me. It took me a while, but I got away from the people who brought me down and things got better for me. Lauren, Tiffani, and Caitlyn really helped me and got me out and away from what we now call the black hole that brought me down.

in your bedroom

	Who or what lives under your bed?	Do you sleep on your side, stomach or back?
Ronald Bier [12]	A small elf named *Cool Ranch Doritos* lives under there. He steals my left sock on every other Thursday.	I throw all blankets off me, lie on my stomach, and then I build a pillow fortress around my head. I kid you not.
Kyle Bechtel [12]	My aunt has a crazy cat that lurks under there at times amongst the dust bunnies (which she probably eats.)	I have a very specific position. I'm usually half on my stomach and half on my side and I must have my squishy zebra pillow.
Patrick Emricko [12]	Egyptian spider mummies live in my closet, but as far as I know nothing lives under my bed.	I sleep on my side because... well because I do. Enough said.
Alayna Korchok [12]	Shoes, just shoes. There's red high heels, work shoes, and flip flops. You can't find anything under there.	My sleeping position is generally on my side. Why? It's the most comfortable, of course.

"Don't be a circle; be a square block. Life is not just an easy turn."
Laura Ross [12]

Matthew Brunelle

Brittney Bryan

Christal Burczyk

Jayde Burns

John Burtick

Breanna Byers

Ricardo Carter

Jacqueline Cavendish

Gina Cecchi

Kyle Cernicky

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Stefan Clair

Rebecca Clark

Brandon Claus

Kathryn Clever

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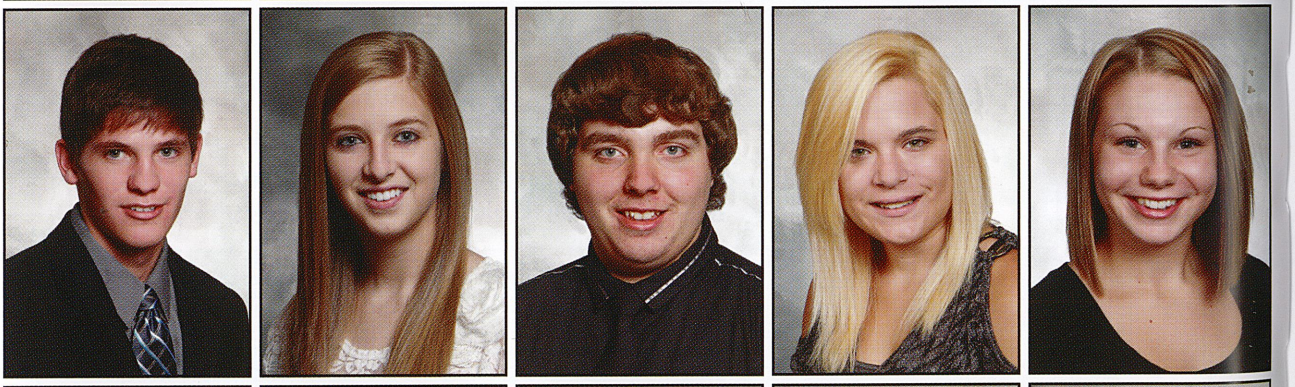

Joshua Clifford

Andrew Clinger

Tatiana Cloud

Edwin Clowes

Livio Collini

Anna Collins

Lauren Conklin

Mauricio Cox

Steven Cox

Alexa Cramer

Benjamin Crawford

Matthew Crookston

Sean DeCarlo

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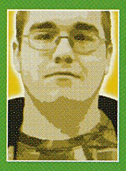
stumbling blocks



Brett Hackman [12]

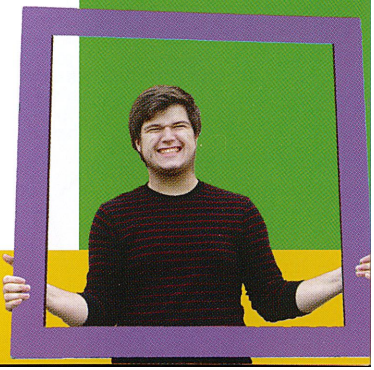
My first year of ninth grade was the hardest time of my life. It was a new school and I wasn't used to all the work. So, I didn't really do much of anything except goof off. When the school year was over, they called and said I had failed and had to repeat ninth grade. I was really bummed out. However, I got myself in the mind frame that I was going to pass. When the next school year came around, I was ready. I did all my homework and studied for tests. I passed that year with honors. I did so well, they bumped me back up the grade that I was supposed to be in.

Brandon Kotvas [12]

The toughest thing for me was overcoming my shyness. Even now, I'm still a quiet kid. Before, I was even more silent. I never knew why I was and am so shy, but thankfully, as I grew more comfortable with friends, I slowly came out of my shell and began meeting new people. Although I'm still a quiet and shy person, I mostly express myself through music. To me, music is life. I may not be here without it. I love playing and writing music, and I enjoy getting others involved and accepting different types of music.

all about

Seniors describe themselves with a single word



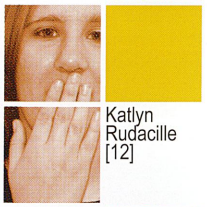
"Legos are pretty sweet. As a kid, my mom only bought Mega Blocks."
Cameron Lawecki [12]

common ground

We all trick-or-treated in October

Ruth Gamble [12]

Caitlyn Lockhart [12]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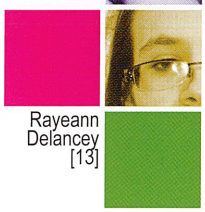
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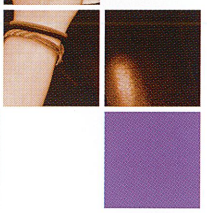


oh holiday

Bowl of turkeys...
In Jake Wilson's [12] and Zach Wilson's [10] back yard, Vance Walker [12] intercepts the ball at the annual Turkey Bowl. Walker said, "The bowl is a great experience every year to get together with lots of friends." Over 40 people attended the holiday event.

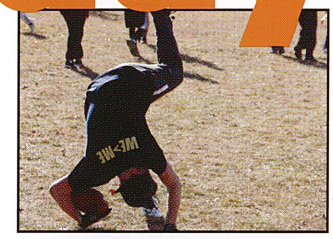


photo: *j. herstek [12]*

Gryffindor comes to life...
During Thanksgiving break, Alex Baxter [12] and Casey Dalsass [2012 grad.] meet at Kunkle Park to play quidditch. "I didn't know what to think about it at first. But, surprisingly, it was a lot of fun," Baxter said. Dalsass and Baxter also played deck hockey together in Murrysville.

photo: *j. herstek [12]*

Fifteen minutes of fame...
Around five o'clock on December 8th, Jocelin Herstek [12] and Madisen Bellon [10] engage in conversation for the 2013 Telethon taping. "I loved being on air and talking aimlessly for people at home to watch and make fun of me," Herstek said.

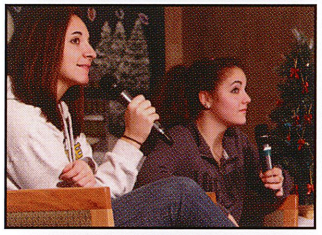


photo: *h. hohman [12]*

Oh, what a beautiful morning...
Careful to avoid a flag rip, Hannah Milheim [12] heads down field for a score. Milheim said, "This was the first year I remember that you could actually wear shorts on Thanksgiving morning for the event." She attended every Turkey Bowl since her freshman year.

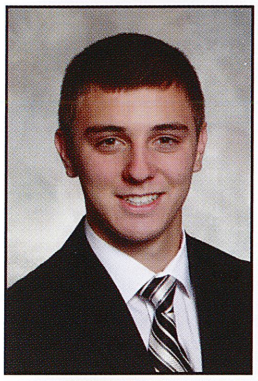
photo: *j. herstek [12]*

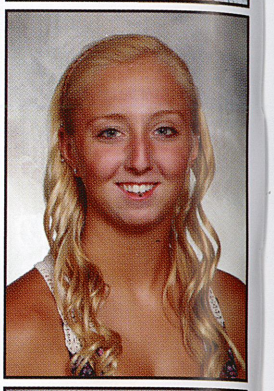
Rachel DeSimone

Christina Dibas

Andrew Dickun

Kaylie Dilts





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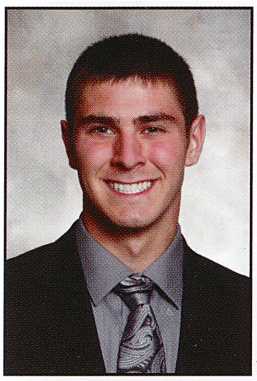

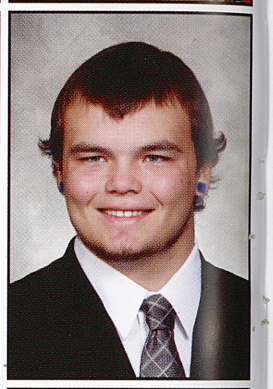

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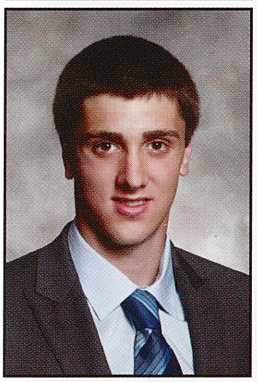
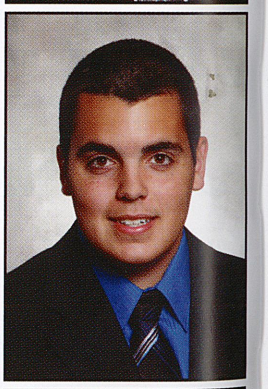
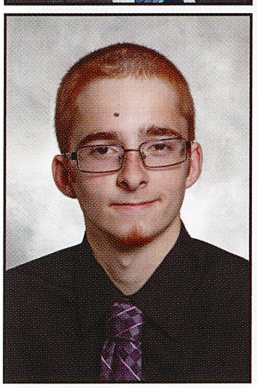
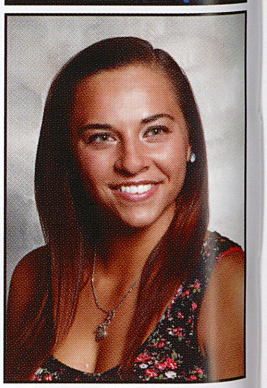


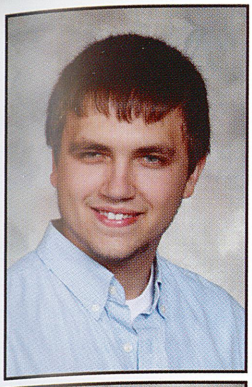
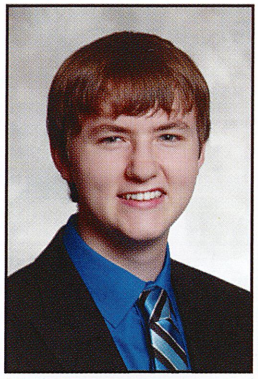
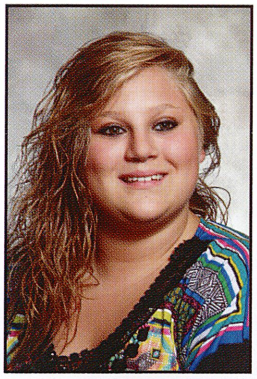
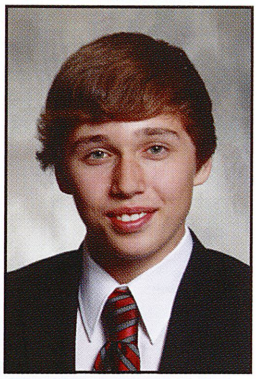


Lucas Dunmire

Katherine Dunnivan





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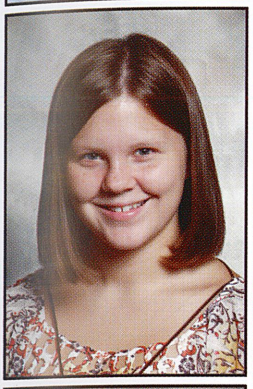
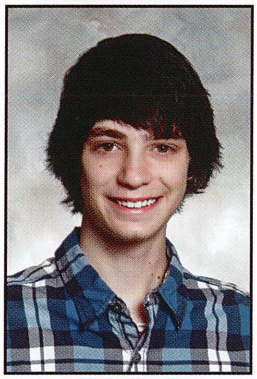
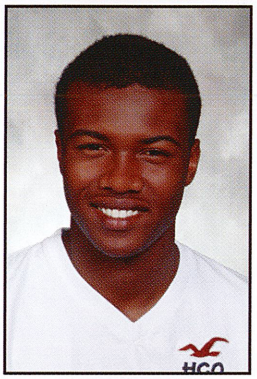
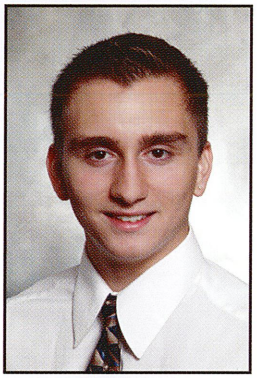

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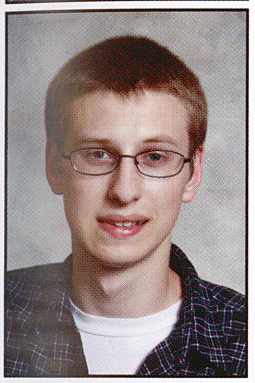
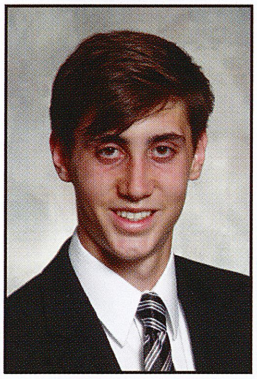

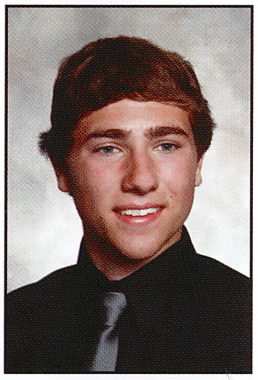

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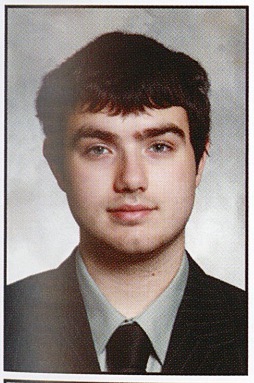
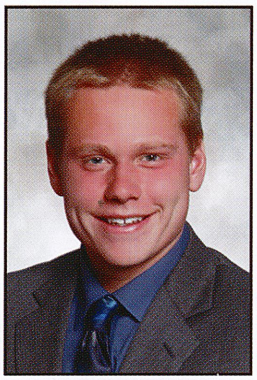
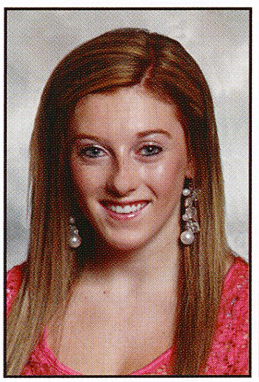
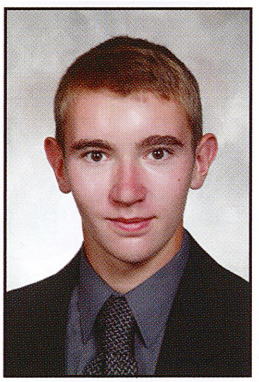



Evan Fitzgerald

Zachary Fitzsimmons

Shelby Foy

Hannah Furman

Ruth Gamble

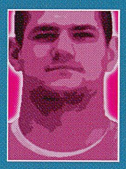
Gwendolyn Geisler

Hannah Gentile

Jordan Ghrist

"Catch me ridin' round the block with my homies and we'll be straight chillin'."
Jayde Burns [12]

stumbling blocks

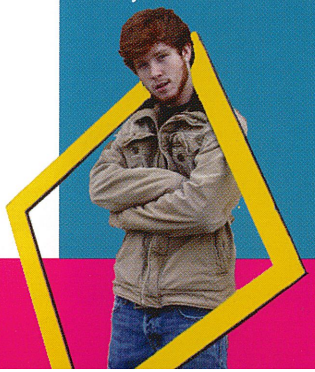


Josh Wiseman [12]

The hardest time for me to overcome was all the football games I had to play through with torn shoulders. With every hit taken and every movement I made, I could feel the shoulders popping in and out. I had to pop my shoulder in a few times just to continue playing, but I did not want to stop. I actually had to sit out of two games. It was hard to watch the team practice and play, but not be a part of it myself. I had to overcome the pain and also get the mental aspect that I can play with the pain, rather than continuing to sit out at any more practices or games.

Myjunna Lawson [12]

In April of 2012, the Kiski Area Winterguard went to Worlds in Dayton, Ohio. During the preliminaries, I dropped my solo five on the box going towards the end of the show. After the show and once we were off the floor, I felt I had let the entire guard down and began bawling my eyes out. My friend, Kara, came up to me because I was crying and said, "It'll be okay, you recovered like a rock star and that will gain you more points than dropping it lost you." This made me feel a lot better. After that, we made semi-finals and I caught every toss.



role models

What summer Olympic athlete inspires you most?

"Jordyn Wieber... because she still supported her team in rough times."

Kaytee Oliver (12)

"*Michael Phelps is the best. He makes me want to better myself.*"

Brandi Cramer (12)

"Lebron James... because he is the best player to ever play basketball."

Nick Stone (12)

"**Gabby Douglas stuck to her guns and proved to everyone that color doesn't matter in sports.**"

Maddie Antone (12)

Louisa Gibson

Theresa Gibson

Danetta Gift

Troy Glendenning

Allan Goldstrom

Breanne Gray

Sydney Greece

Tiffani Gregory

Kayla Grimm

Hannah Guzolik

Brett Hackman

Leanna Hans

avoid the roadblock

"Talent is a gift, but character is a choice."
Madi Pityk [12]

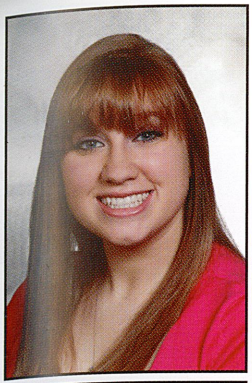
look what I can do...

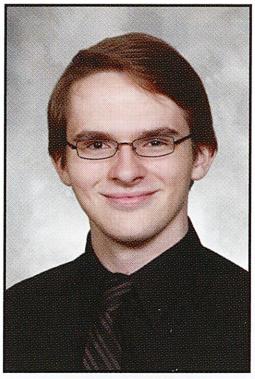
juggling

"My cup coach taught me how to juggle a soccer ball really well, and with practice, I got really good"
Anna Collins

singing

"I've been singing for many years. Singing gives me the opportunity to express myself."
Megan Paullet





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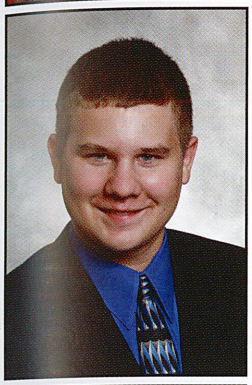

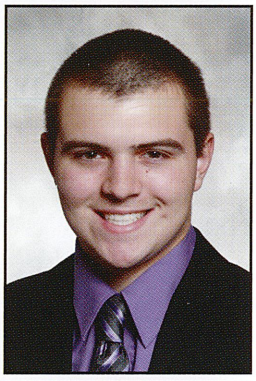

Dominic Hartman

Ashley Heater

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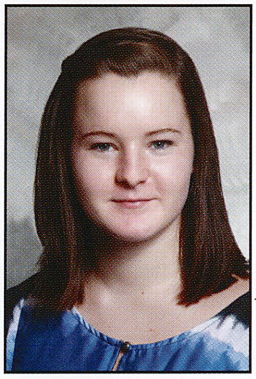

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Rachel Hollinger

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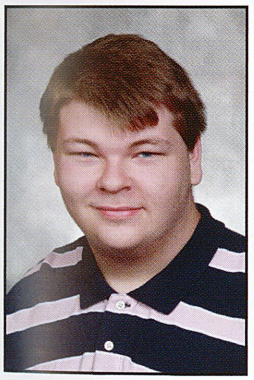
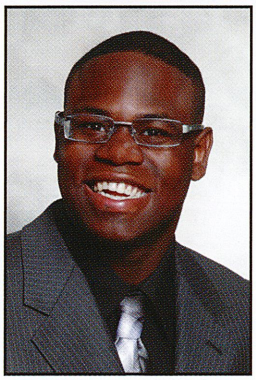
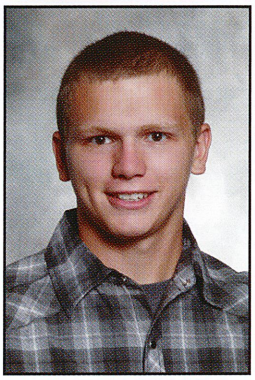
Jessica Hornyak

Dylon Hughan-Fick

Jesse Hutchinson

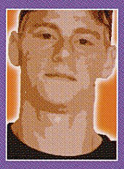
Robert Irwin

Anthony Jackson

stumbling blocks

Lyndsay Weiser [12]

During my life, I have had a difficult time finding friends that will not stab me in the back. All the years I have been in this school, I have had one friend to get me through all of the drama. Her name is Brooke Churma and she graduated two years ago. Even though we do not see each other a lot, she has calmed me down and made me smile even when I have made mistakes myself. Most people do not take the time to get to know someone deep down, but instead like to make assumptions based on what they heard in the hallway last period.



Dave Arita [12]

The hardest thing I have had to deal with in my life so far was waking up at five thirty every morning in the summer, working ten to eleven hours a day, and then going home and not being able to do anything because I was too worn out from my ten or eleven hour work day. The money was great, but it was too much for me. I got used to it though. I'm still working the same job, noon to five thirty on school days, and going home and straight to bed. I just wish I was still four or five years old when life was carefree so I would not have to deal with all this.

rapping

"I started when I was 13, and I've just always been really good at it. Eminem is my favorite rapper."
Jake Greco-King

ice skating

"I've grown up my whole life on skates, taking lessons at Center Ice in Delmont. I love to spin."
Kara Wilson

cooking

"Baking desserts and pastries is what I'm best at. My favorite thing to make is apple dumplings."
Brittney Bryan

dancing

"I've been dancing for sixteen years. Acro and ballet are my favorite types, and I go to *All That Jazz*."
Dara Muffie

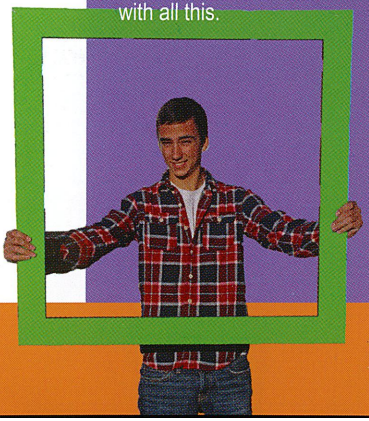
make-up

"I love doing zombie faces with Elmer's glue, toilet paper, paint, eye shadow, and fake blood."
Elizabeth Prager

flying

"For the brief period that I am in the air, there is no fighting, gossip, or bullying. Everything is perfect."
Cody Deluisio

"Bricks are the building blocks of society. Without them, nothing could be created."
Tyler McGuire [12]



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Jonathan Krish
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Steven Lauffer
Charles Law
Cameron Lawecki
Myaunna Lawhorn
Morgan Leasure

Madison Leiser

Joseph Levandoski

Jessica Lewis

Tyler Lewis

Wai-Ki Lin

Alexander Linnert

Caitlyn Lockhart

Lea Long

Christina Magness

Megan Majersky

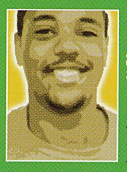
Brandon Mangus

Gisela Martinez

stumbling blocks

Pat Bouch [12]

Everybody wants to be liked and accepted by others, whether you're trying to impress a girl or just get into a new friend group. The hardest thing is when you are afraid to be yourself because you think people will dislike you for who you are. You must be yourself, and you will be accepted by anybody. You don't need to act a certain way around a certain crowd. Then, you're constantly asking yourself every night if you were funny that day or if people liked how you acted. If you just be yourself in every situation life brings you, then you don't have to worry.



Luke Haines [12]

Something hard that I had to overcome was not playing soccer last year. Deciding not to play soccer was one of the few, horrible decisions I have made in my life. The worst part was having to go back out to play again because it meant facing all the teammates and coaches that I had abandoned, in addition to my school. It was the worst feeling, but I overcame it and am now playing, performing, and scoring for my team, coaches, and school. I'd like to thank all those who told me not to give up and encouraged me.

photo: *r. beatty* [par.]

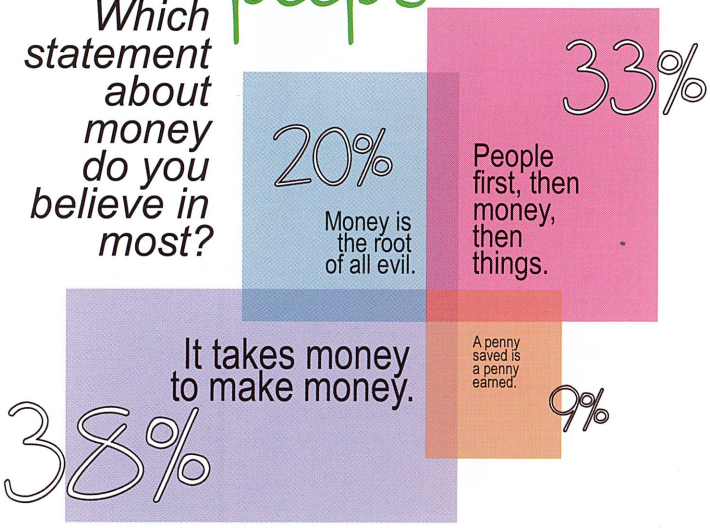
Send him into the depths...

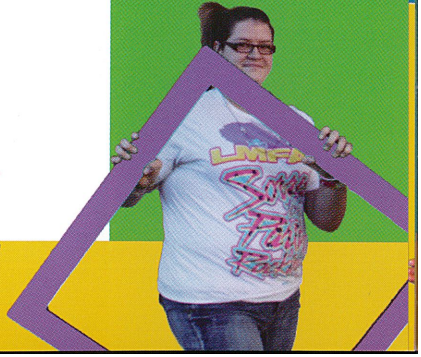
A long time band camp dunk-tank tradition, Jonathan Krish [12] plummets into the water. Krish said, "You could always bank on the younger band members trying their best to send the vets into the tank." With temperatures in the mid-nineties, the event provided for a welcomed relief.

poll the peeps

100 seniors polled

Which statement about money do you believe in most?





"Don't ever block yourself in. Try something new."
Caitlyn Lockhart [12]

bizarre bonds

Staff links seniors in surprising string

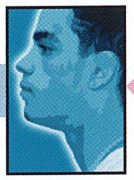
Both have never been to Kenny-wood

Both have called 911 in the past

Both were born outside of PA

Katie Clever — Dave Antal — Breanne Gray

Both have witnessed a tornado

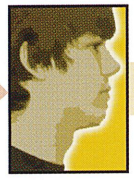


Both have appeared on a jumbotron

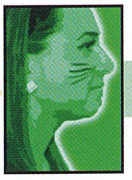
Both have caught a home run ball at a game

Kyle Bechtel — Ricky Carter — Adam Robison

Both have won over $500 in the past



Both have been water-tubing



Both have met a *Dance Mom*

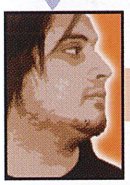
Gina Cecchi — Brandon Mangus — Katie Dunnivan

Both have never broken a bone

Both own over 30 pairs of shoes

Both have caught a jellyfish

Lea Long — Janessa Young — Hannah Moore



Both have beaten *Guitar Hero*

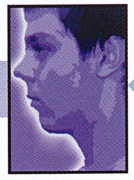
Both enjoy gardening

Both have bedrooms in the house attic

Dan Moran — Dom Brigamen — Allyssa Shirley

Both have a pet turtle

Both have eaten a worm



Both fear spiders

Rachel Weyant — Ashlee Shirey — AJ Linnert

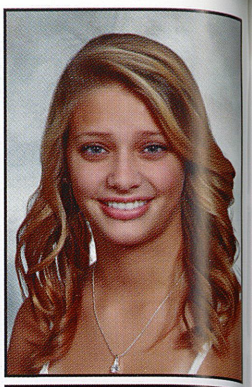
Both have attended a Taylor Swift concert

Both are double-jointed

Tiffani Gregory — Megan Majersky — Jocelin Herstek

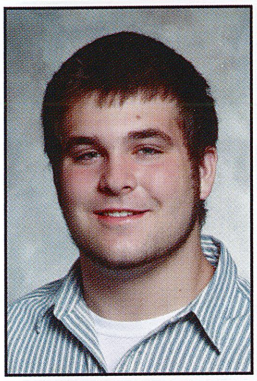
Stephanie Matesic

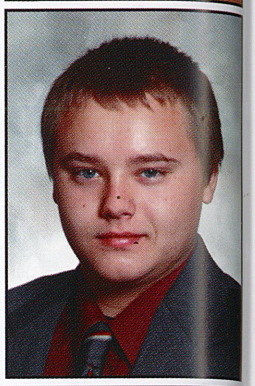
Shannon McAdoo



Jacob McClarnon

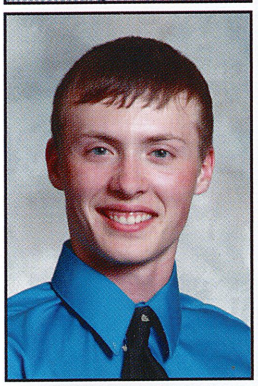
Jason McClary

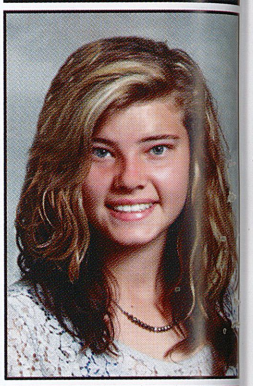




Dean McCroskey

Marissa McCullough





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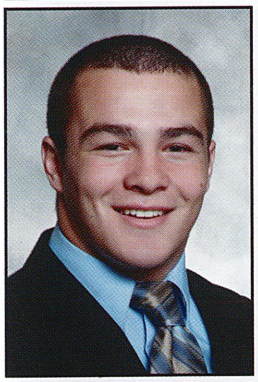

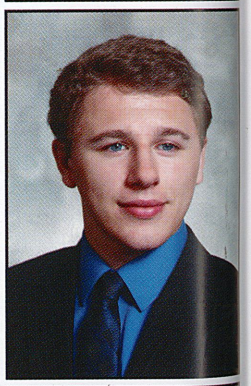

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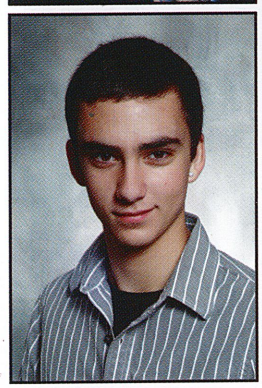

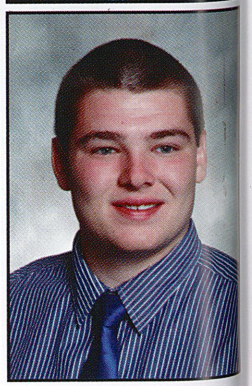

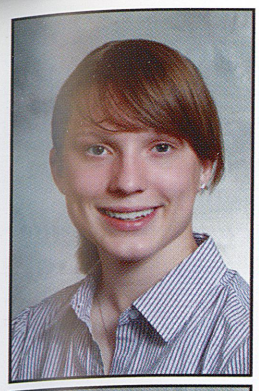

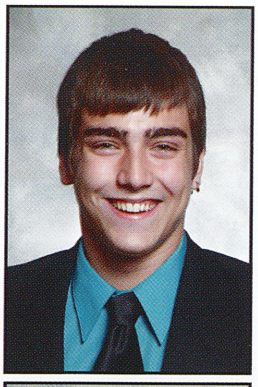
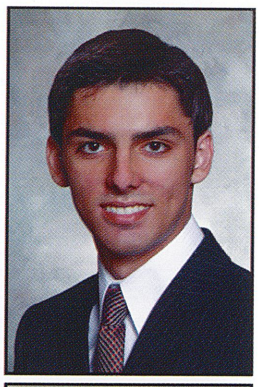

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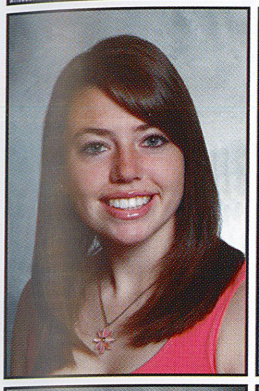

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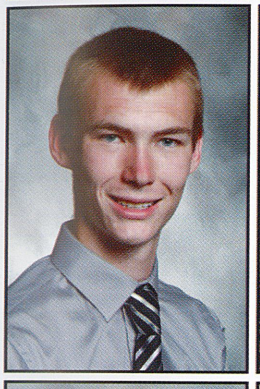
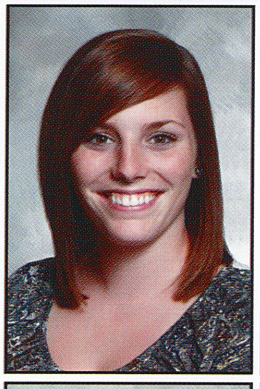
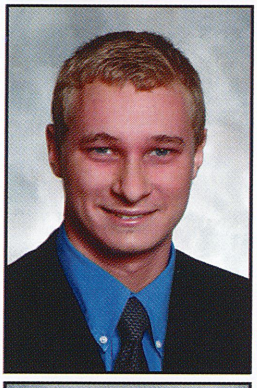
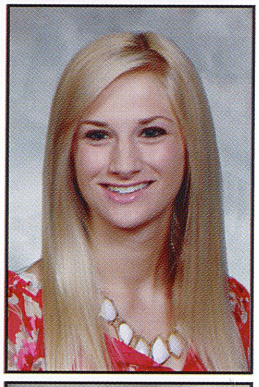

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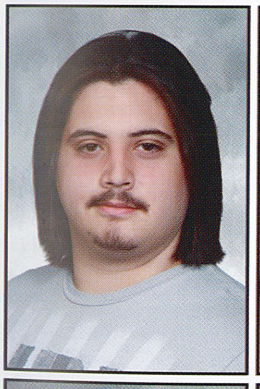
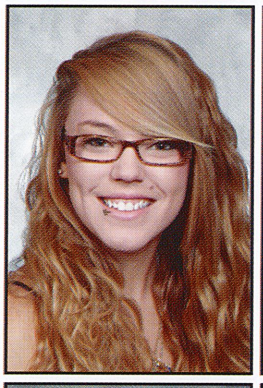
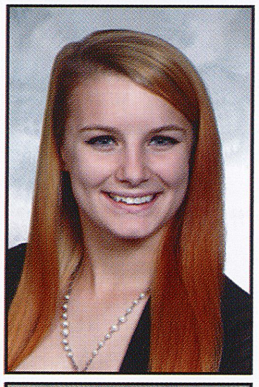

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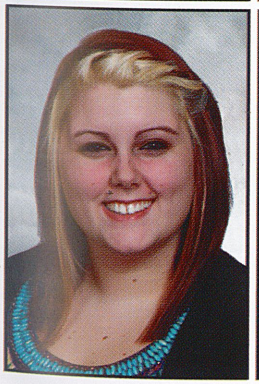
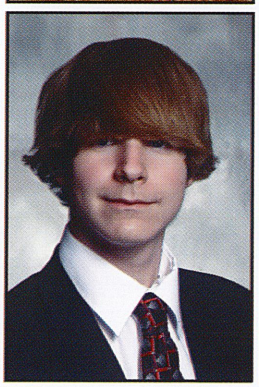
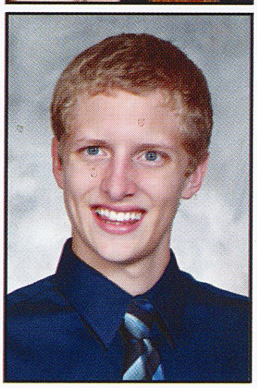
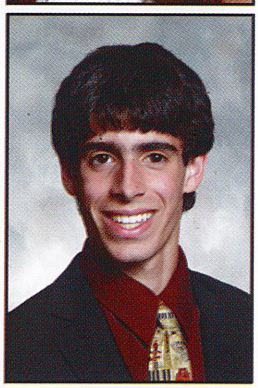





Danielle Mullen

Joseph Munko

Mitchell Murdock

Paul Murray

"A perfect building block is someone who shows you your full potential and then backs you up."
Jake McClarnon [12]

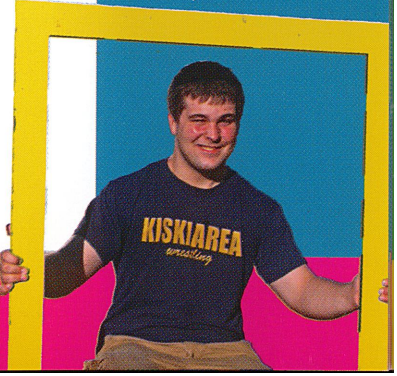
stumbling blocks

Gabriela Pitre [12]

One of the most embarrassing times of my life happened in March in the back of the school when I fell off the loading dock and broke my elbow. I was standing on a piece of plywood and apparently got too close to the edge. My weight sent the plywood up into the air and me down about three feet to the concrete bottom. Luckily, the only person that saw it happen was Nate Cox who graduated in 2012. It didn't hurt much at first, so I kept working with the stage crew. Eventually I went to the hospital and got a cast.

Matt Riggle [12]

One of the hardest things I have ever had to do was about three years ago when we had a huge vacation trip planned for my wake-boarding competition. I was so excited, but about a week before, a family friend, who was very dear to us and close to my family, passed away. It ended up that his funeral and burial was the day after we were supposed to leave for the competition. My dad told me we would still go to my competition, but I couldn't let that happen. He meant too much to my family for us not to attend. I learned my priorities that day.



1 on 1

with Matt McCutcheon

The first wrestler to ever win a state title for the district, Matt McCutcheon [12] answers questions about his success, training, and plans for the sport.

what first got you interested in wrestling?

"I always watched my brother Mike practice every day at a place called Mat Rats in Vandergrift. Ever since I was four years old, I've wanted to compete in wrestling."

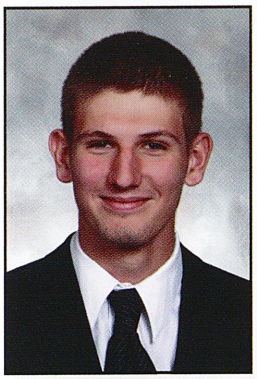
discuss your training regiment.

"After school, I lift and condition on the track for about an hour and a half. I then usually go home and eat and then go back to the school for another practice with Coach Joseph in the wrestling room."

what is your ultimate dream goal for yourself in the sport?

"One day, I would love to be an NCAA National Champion for Penn State. Beyond that, I want to win an Olympic gold medal. These are only possible because Coach Tursky and Coach Heater pushed me every day. They're the best."

Levi Naughton



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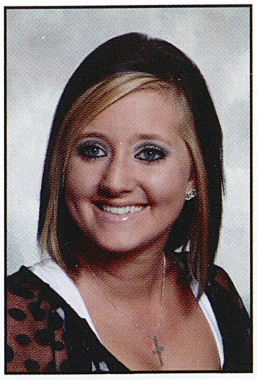

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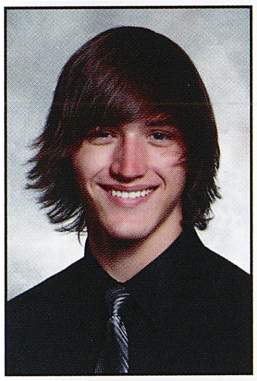

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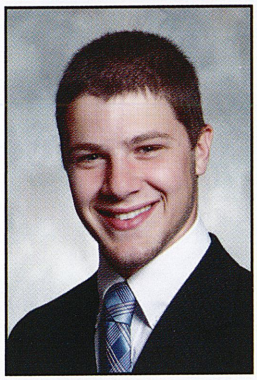

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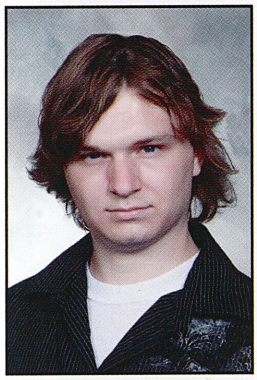

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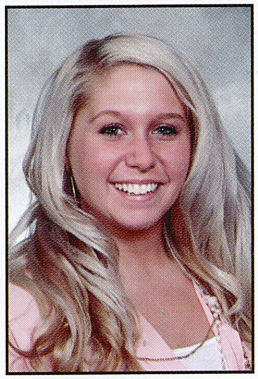

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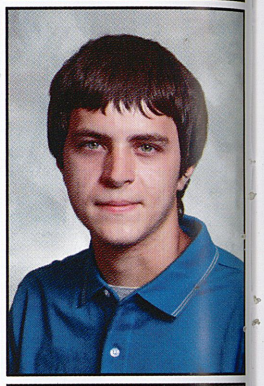

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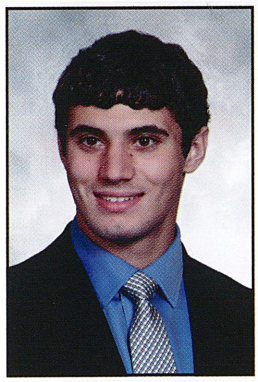

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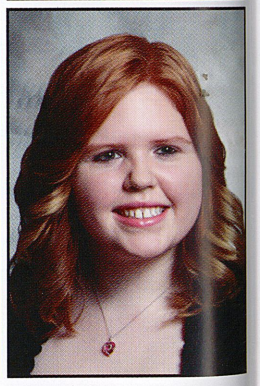
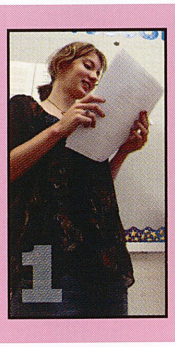
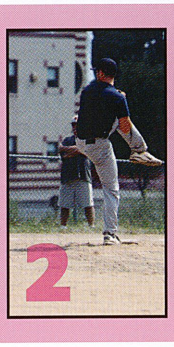
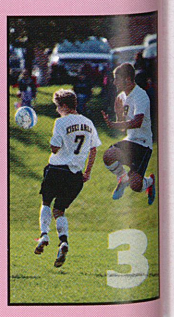


1) At the September 13 fall play auditions, Nicole Pearce [12] goes over her lines. 2) Doug Donatelli [12] sets to deliver a pitch in fall ball at Mamont. 3) Ian Moorhead [10] and Tyler Nelson [12] send the ball back down field at the high school.







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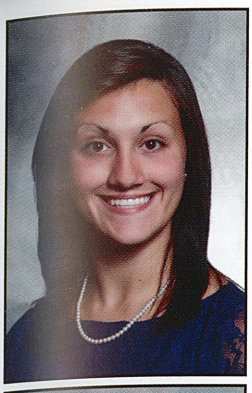

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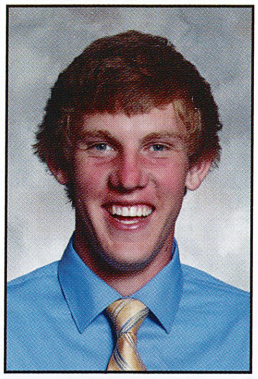

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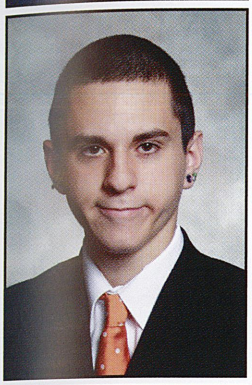

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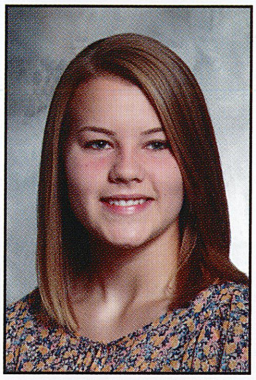

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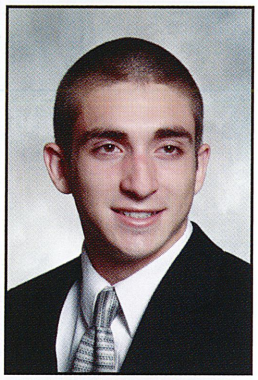

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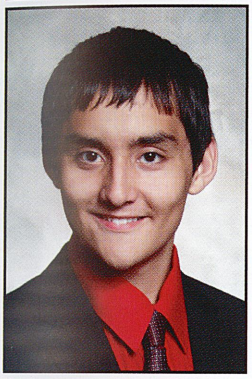

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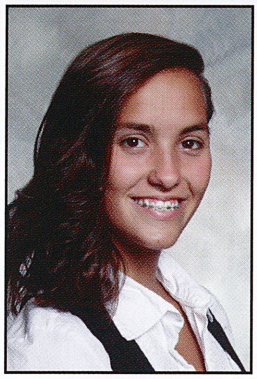

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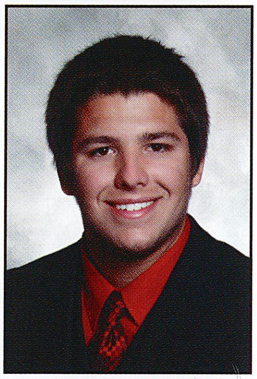

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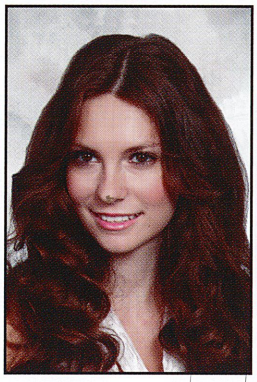

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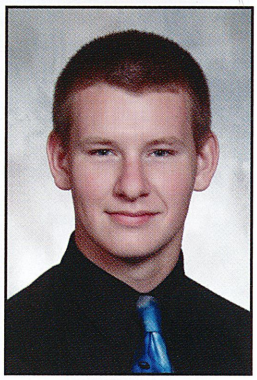
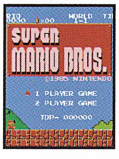


Matthew Riggle

goin' old school

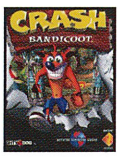
Gamers choose best classic games

"I loved playing *Crash Nitro Kart* with my friends. I always had to have a purple car." *Steph Sikora* [12]



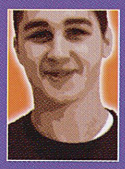
"*Super Mario Bros.* rocked. I played it every chance I could." *Katlyn Aughenbaugh* [12]

"I loved going around collecting eggs in *Spyro-Year of the Dragon*." *Kyle Blankenbicker* [12]



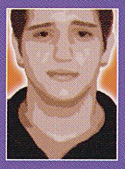
"Even though I played it all the time, I never did beat *Crash Bandicoot*." *Morgan Leasure* [12]

stumbling blocks



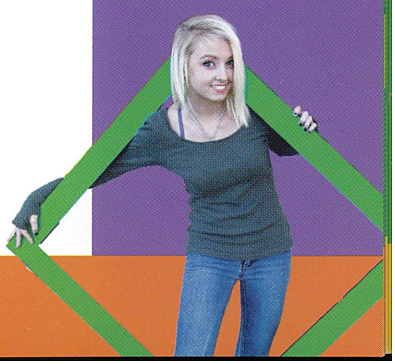
Shawn Welsh [12]

The hardest thing I have personally ever had to deal with was moving. I moved back when I was about thirteen and in seventh grade. It was really hard for me because I had a lot of friends back in my old school and I knew making new ones would take time. I wasn't ready to leave and come to Kiski where I would have to start over again, but I had no choice except to overcome my fear. When I came on the first day, I was nervous, but at the same time, I was eager to start making new friends. In the end, it wasn't as hard as I thought.



Ed Chaves [12]

One of the hardest times in my life was when I had to get surgery on my shoulder. It was a difficult time because I could do only a very small amount of things on my own. I had to rely on my friends and family a lot everyday just to get through my day. I would try to do things for myself, but no matter how hard I tried, I could not. I would get frustrated very easily during this time at how little I could without someone else's aid, but I had my friends and family to look out for me and give me a hand whenever I needed one.



"Music blocks out everybody when I'm really stressed out." Kara Wilson [12]

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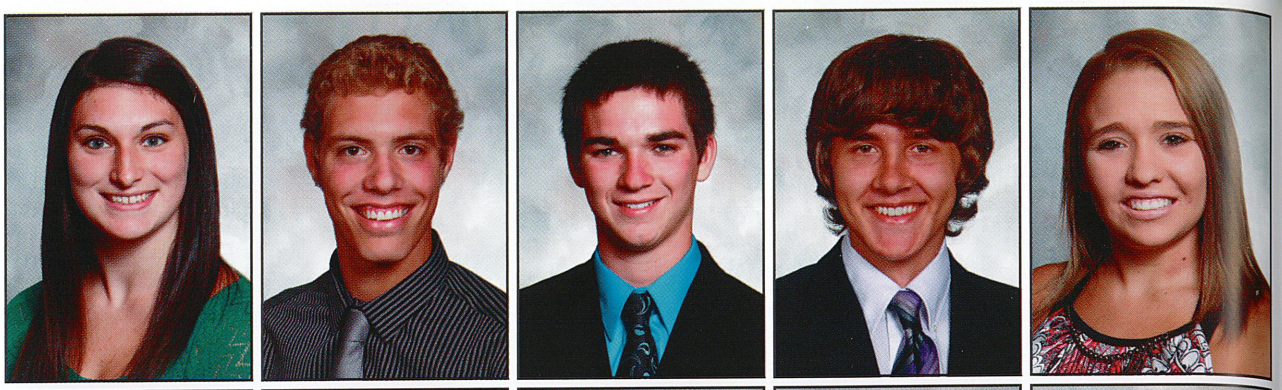

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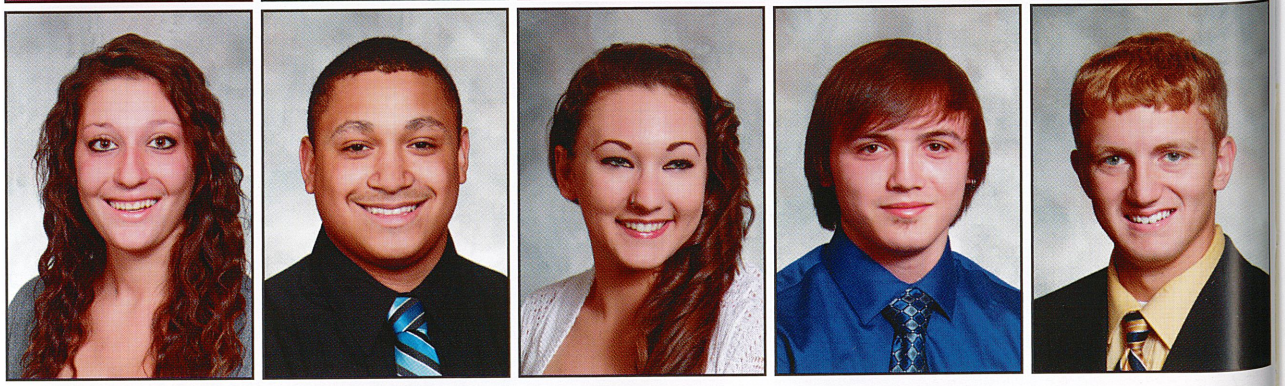

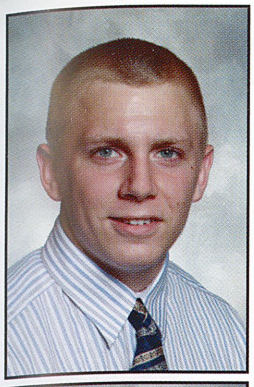
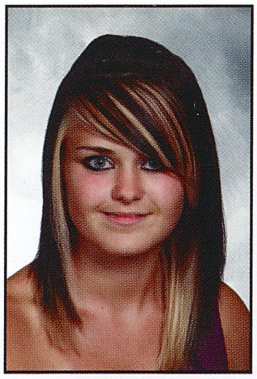
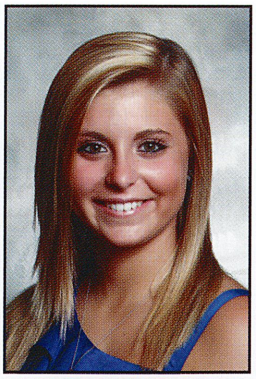
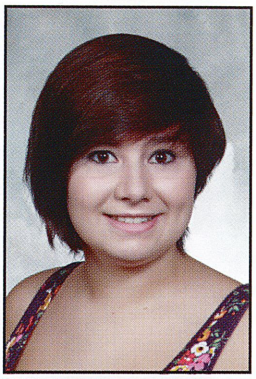

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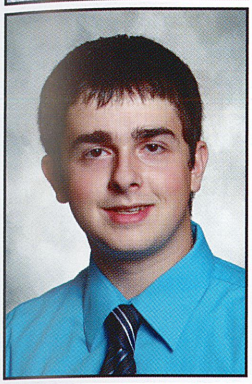
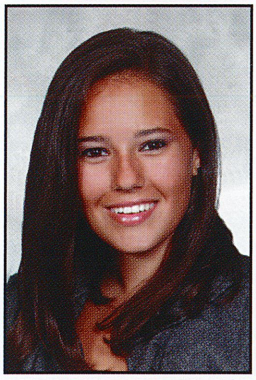

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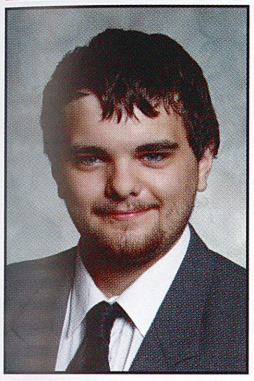
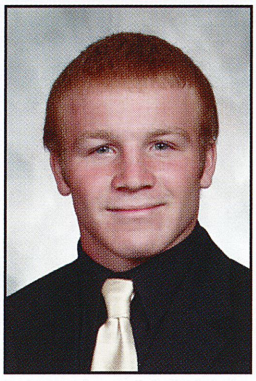
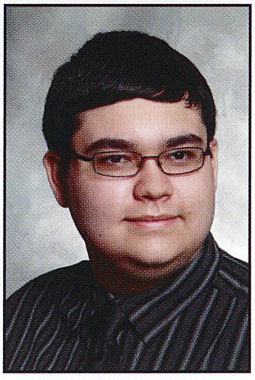
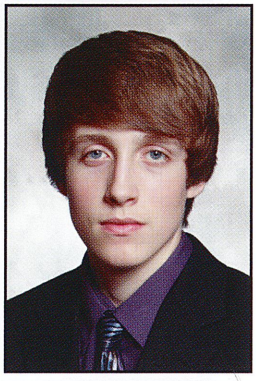

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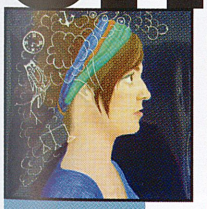
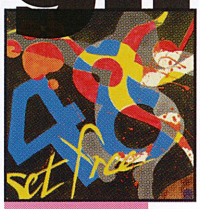
originals on display

Seniors discuss thoughts on their personal creations



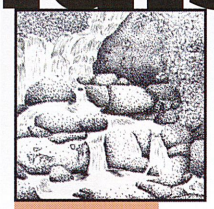
Marie Rottschaefer

"In this assignment, we had to create a self-portrait that revealed something more than just appearance. I utilized cellophane on the outside to symbolize my transparent nature. The white represents my hobbies and interests. I think it turned out well."



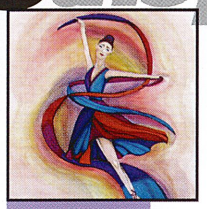
Zach Schafer

"I painted the 48 to reflect when I stayed up for 48 straight hours. I actually recorded every hour and posted it all on youtube. The year before I created this, I had a huge spill of orange paint. Hence, the splatter seen here is to recall those good times. It was a colossal mess."



Tina Magness

"I love nature and waterfalls. I just thought that would make a good subject for a pen and ink drawing. It really worked well with all the reflections of rocks and with the water flowing and crashing downward. The hardest part was the stippling technique."



Kyle Cernicky

"We had to make a piece that demonstrated motion. I thought that a dancer would more graceful than an action-oriented sports painting. I used watercolors, markers, and colored pencils to create the assignment. I wanted the outfit to be very vivid."

Julianna Jankowski

"We had to create a fractal design that creates colored regions in overlapping areas. The fall is my favorite season so it was just natural for me to pick leaves. I really love hues of orange, mustard, brown, and rust. They really represented the season well to me."

"Although one block is strong and can hold a lot, when more come together, the result is much bigger."
Mike Childs [12]

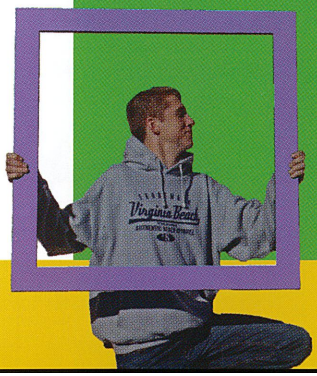
stumbling blocks

Sarah Strickingless [12]

The hardest thing I have ever had to go through was watching my boyfriend of almost two years push me away and act like we had never met. It was pretty hurtful, but Ariel Ware and Katie Clever were always supporting me. I listened to sad songs for a while, but I am a lot happier now. I am not completely over him yet, but you have to start somewhere. Knowing that you're not alone feels really nice. I guess we were never really meant to be. We remain friends, but I know that everything happens for a reason. At least he taught me something.

Tiffany Stewart [12]

The hardest thing in my life so far was when I got engaged at 17. I was "in love," or more likely, in love with the idea of love. It was a mistake. I hadn't been with the person nearly long enough and we were nowhere near mature or grown up enough to be ready for that type of commitment in a relationship. Unfortunately, it ended badly. I am very thankfully that I had my friends around to help me through that time, but most of all, my mom. I could not have done it without them. Thanks Hannah Moore and Momma Bear.



every now and then...

Seniors reflect on six years of change

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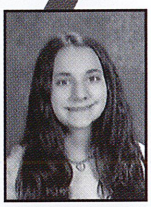
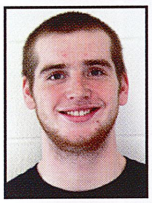
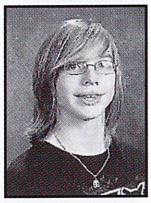
"Over the past six years, I have made many good memories with my friends. I think that I have matured by being able to handle all types of situations better than I did beforehand."
Anna Scanga [12]

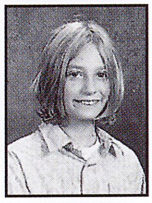


"It seems like only yesterday that I had my long hair in seventh grade. I've grown up a lot since then. I wish that I would concentrated more on academics instead of just shooting to do the least possible."
Vance Walker [12]

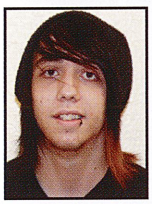
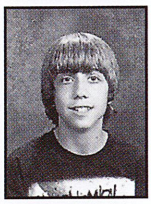



"When I was in seventh grade, I wanted to become a journalist, just like Rory Gilmore from *Gilmore Girls*. Since then, I've realized how much I love to perform and stage is my passion."
Kaylee Hansberry [12]

"I remember that I was the good child that obeyed every authority figure in seventh grade. I respected everyone. Now, I try my best, but I have to speak my mind. I question a lot more."
Elijah Eshenbaugh [12]



"In the last few years, I've become so much more confident, happy, and optimistic. Those are three things I couldn't have said before. I suppose that I'm glad to say that I'm just not sad anymore."
Mike Bair [12]

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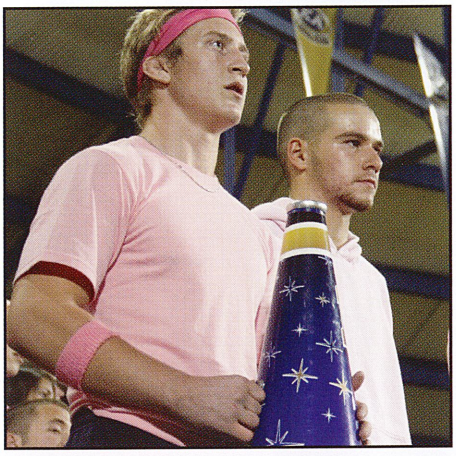
Homecoming victory...
Under the grandstand at the Homecoming Game against the Norwin Knights, Colin Landowski [12] and Jordan Kiebler [12] focus on the defense. Landowski said, "I think that having all the students in one area really helped the team to victory this year. That was the best change of the year." The team beat Norwin with a score of 36-14.



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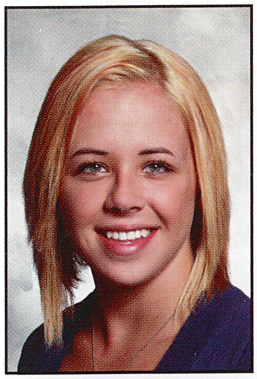
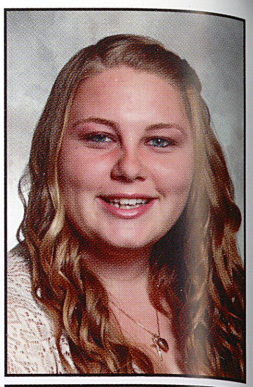

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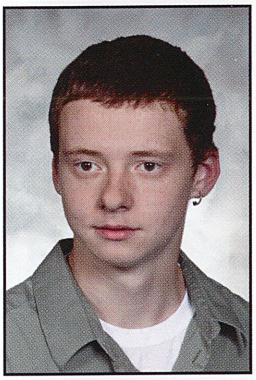
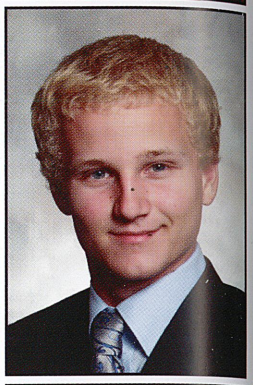

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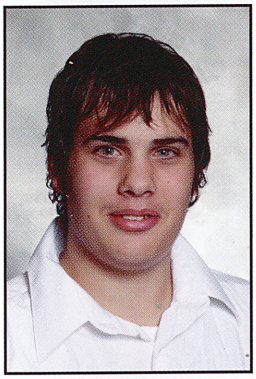
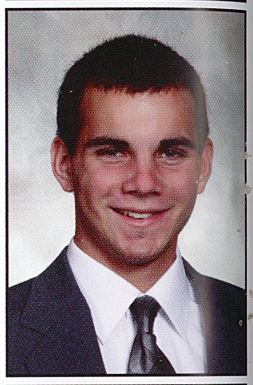

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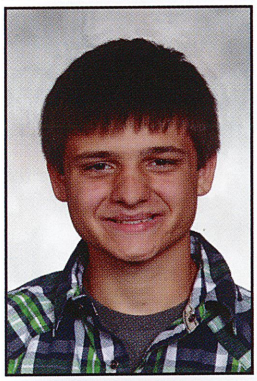
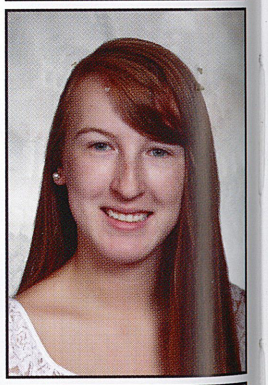

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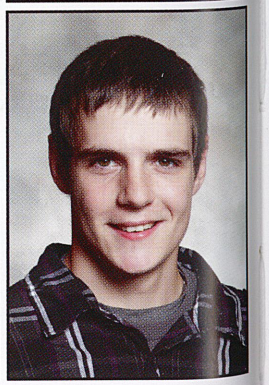

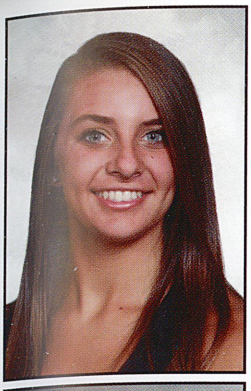
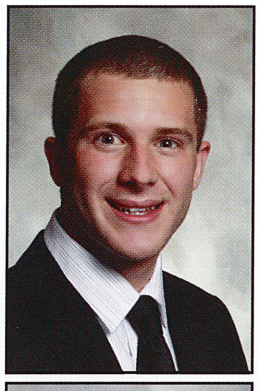
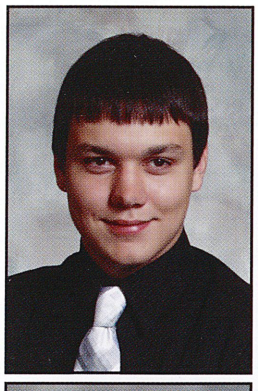

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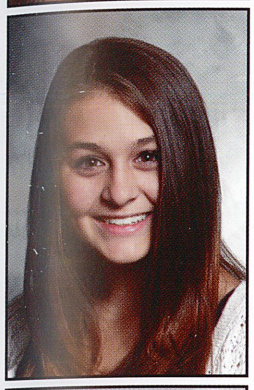

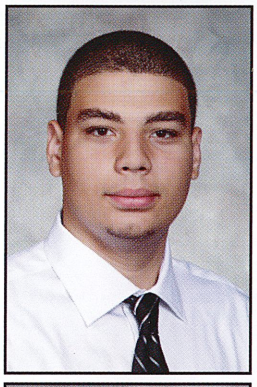
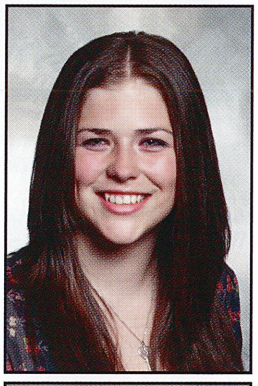

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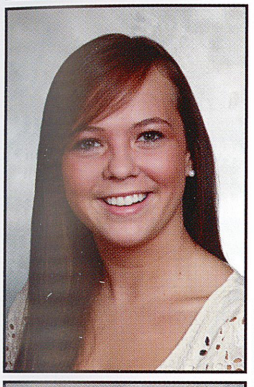

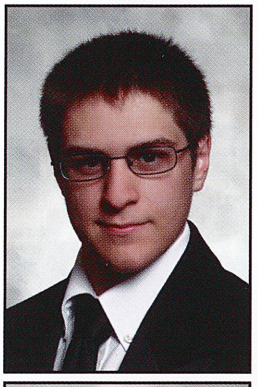
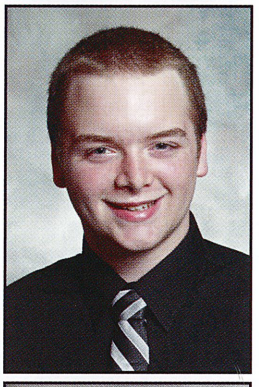

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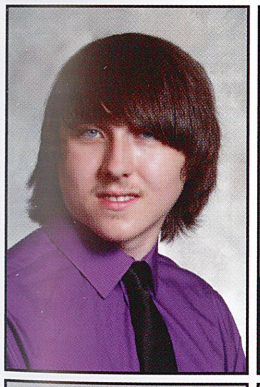

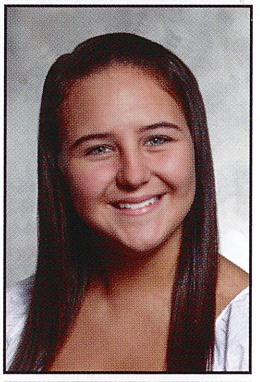

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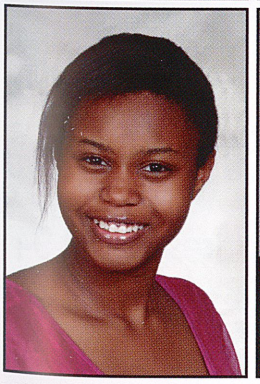
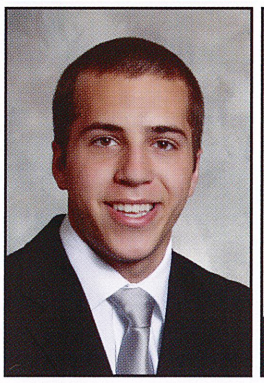
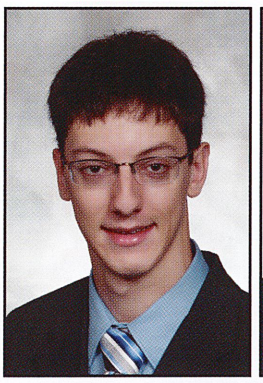

Alannah Walker

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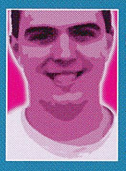
stumbling blocks

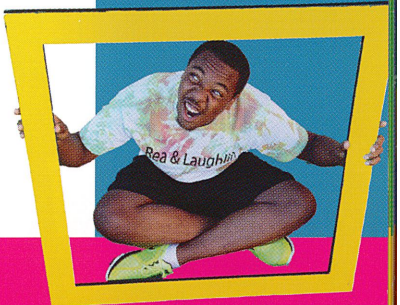
Matt Crookston [12]

When I was driving home from a friend's house, the brakes on my car completely stopped working. I had to decide to either try and drive home or find some way to stop. I made the idiotic choice to attempt to drive home brakeless. I ran numerous stop signs and red lights, barely making it through each time. I drove up and down hills like an unstoppable bullet. Luckily, I managed to make it home without wrecking and slowed down enough to park. I timed everything perfectly and made it home without a scratch.



Jordan Hessom [12]

The hardest time of my life was when I got detention in middle school. I talked too much and would always get lunch detentions. In the middle school, once you acquired four of these, you got an after school detention. My parents were furious and gave me a speech about how they never got in trouble in school. I got grounded from everything except going to school for three weeks. I learned my lesson to pay attention and be respectful to my teachers. Since then, I haven't gotten in trouble in school. I hope it stays that way!



"In the end, it all involves turning stumbling blocks into stepping stones."
Luke Haines-Douglas [12]

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senior class specifics

169 boys

most common female name...
Hannah
(there are nine)

The student born the furthest from the high school entrance...
Wai-Ki Lin
Hong Kong, China

Class Song
Good Time
by Carly Rae Jepson
(featuring Owl City)

shortest name...
(first name/last name only)
Lea Long

most popular birthday month....
June
(40 birthdays)

class quote
"Whatever you are, be a good one."
Abe Lincoln

tallest boy...
Mitch Murdock
(6'5")

longest name...
(first name/last name only)
Daniel Bradwish-Rogers

youngest overall...
Katlyn Rudacille

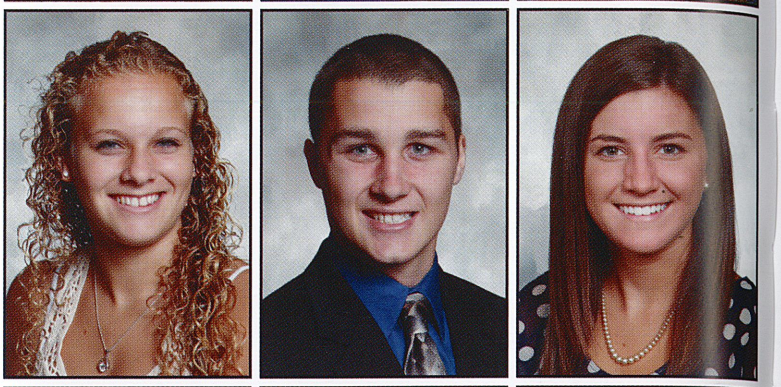
tallest girl...
Colleen Neely
(6')

162 girls

100 seniors have a Vandergrift address, and 94 have an Apollo address

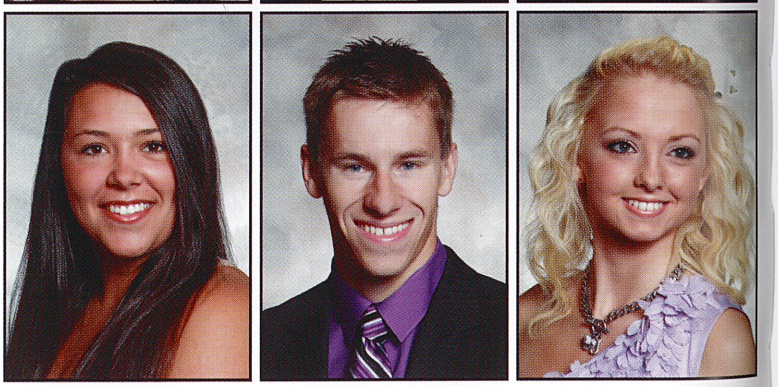
Alexandra Wasson
Lucas Weaver
Kylie Weber

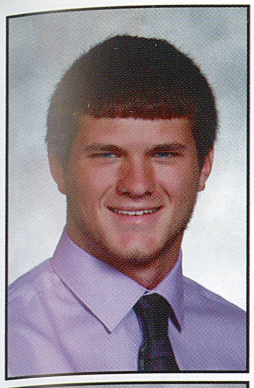
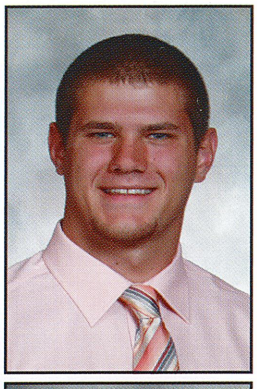
Lyndsey Weiser
Shawn Welsh
Rachel Weyant



Shelby Wikert
Marissa Wiles
Elizabeth Wilkinson

Maryssa Williams
Jacob Wilson
Kara Wilson



Jacob Wiskeman

Joshua Wiskeman

avoid the roadblock

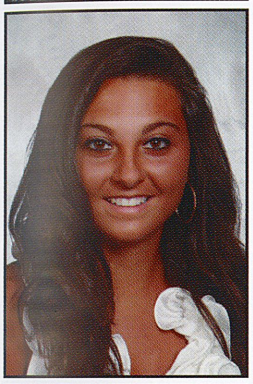
"Try the hardest that you can, and you'll go really far in life."
Allyssa Shirley [12]

Makensie Worthing

Tiffany Yeager

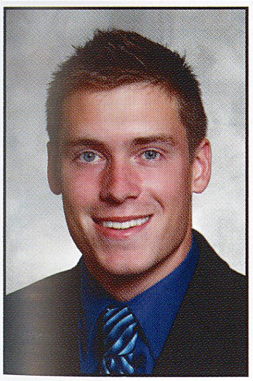
not pictured

Paul Baacke
Kyle Bechtel
Jesse Bier
Ronald Bier
Jonah Booth
Austin Bowman
Crystal Boyer
Daniel Bradwish-Rogers
Cody Caperell
Timothy Clemons
Brandi Cramer
Tiffany Flenner
Jacob Greco-King
Tuften Green
Luke Haines-Douglas
Dakota Harmon
Jeremy Heil
Corey Krull
Stephanie Lebron
Tyler Lookabaugh
Macenzi Mechling
Kaci Mowrey
Jeffrey Penley
Eric Russell
Tiffany Stewart
Aryan Tobin
Vance Walker



Janessa Young

Scout Young



Bradley Ziegler

Caitlyn Ziemianski

stumbling blocks

Aleks Krachanko [12]

I will never forget how how hard it was to me to make my mark in school. The first day, I remember going into school and nobody would talk to me or even realized that I was there. Eventually, I decided that it was time to try and fix my problem, so I asked my mom what I should do. She said that I needed to come out of my shell a little. Once I heard this, I started to start conversations with people that I did not know. In the end, I got to know everybody by doing this. I am glad and also thankful my mother gave me this advice back in the day.

Marisa Kish [12]

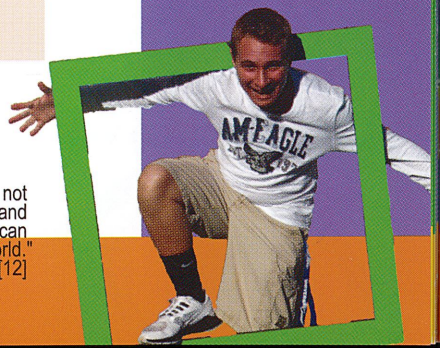
The hardest thing I ever had to deal with was trying to decide who my friends were and who they were not. It is always a constant battle, because it is hard to see someone you once cared about forget that you even exist. In the end, you have to realize that if you are not worth their time, then they are not worth yours. People change, and you have to be willing to accept that they changed and their lives don't involve you anymore. Maybe someday, they'll remember you. All you can do is enjoy them while you have them and hope one day they come back.

most common male name...
Jacob
(there are nine)

2 seniors were born in St. Petersburg, Russia...
Josh Clifford
Jake Wilson

most popular birth date...
5 seniors were born on 11-4-94
Hannah Milheim
Levi Naughton
Cole Prager
Elizabeth Prager
Brandi Smith

the oldest senior is 2 years, 3 months, 27 days older than the youngest senior



"One block alone does not strive, but together, and with teamwork, we can change the world."
Austin Moorhead [12]

Melissa Abbott
Kathy Aller
Sabrina Altman
Russell Ament
Jacob Ardellitz
Cody Auden
Kayla Ball
Jessica Ban

Mary-Kate Barker
Hanna Beaufort
Alexis Beck
Kylene Beckett
Megan Beer
Katelynn Bell
Ronald Belschner
Courtney Berry

Patricia Berry
Aaron Bertovich
Sierra Bigley
Dylan Blair
Lauren Bono
Jesse Botti
Ryan Bowen
Samuel Bowser

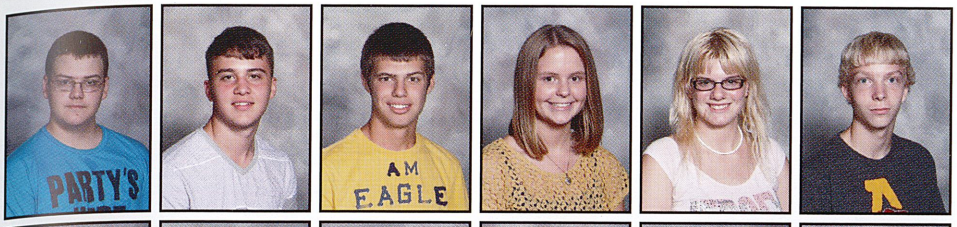
Mayah Bracy
Taylor Brewer
Kaely Brilhart
Armond Brown
Jaleesa Brown
Erin Bruce
Joseph Brungo
Joseph Bruno

Thomas Bruno
Anthony Buccicone
Caleb Byles
Nicole Caldwell
Andrew Carson
Matthew Cecchetti
Karisa Cesario
Alexandra Clark

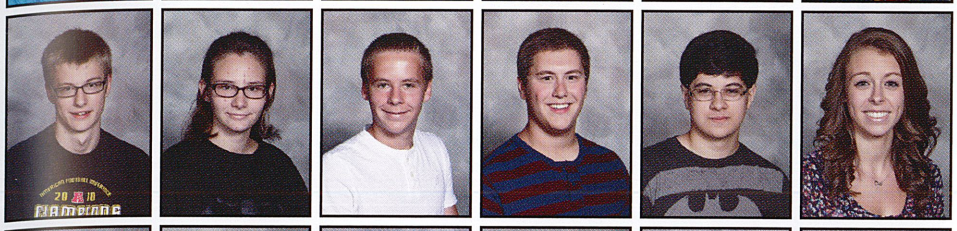
Brian Clark
Anastasia Clayton
Maria Cline
Delaney Colder
Dylan Compton
Alysia Conklin
Timothy Conroy
Alex Cooper

Madeline Costanza
Briana Crabill
Jennifer Cravener
Tiffany Cupec
Elijah Davis
Katherine Debick
Chelsea Deluisio
Alesha Derylak

Lee Downey
Shaylee Dumbaugh
Sydney Dumbaugh
Katelynn Dunlap
Nicholas Durkin
Matthew Dziadosz
Andrea Edwards
Alicia Ehrensberger



Matthew Eisaman
Mitchell Ellenberger
John Emmerling
Megan Erwin
Jennifer Evans
John Fahnestock



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Heather Fazenbaker
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Austin Feydt
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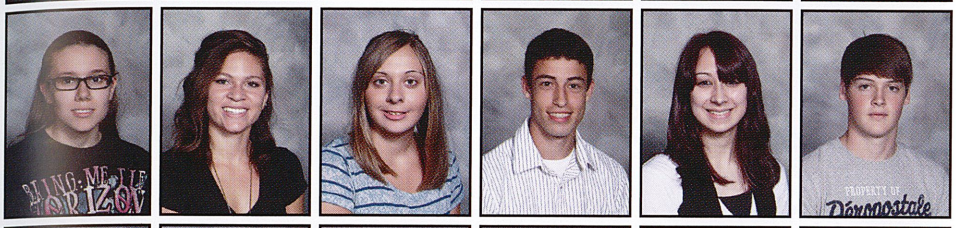
Rachel Frye



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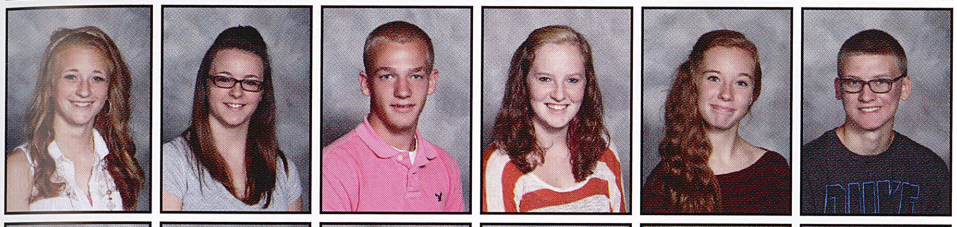
Darrien Gaertner-Burke
Victoria Gaydeski
Tanner George
Rachael Goch
Jacob Goedicke



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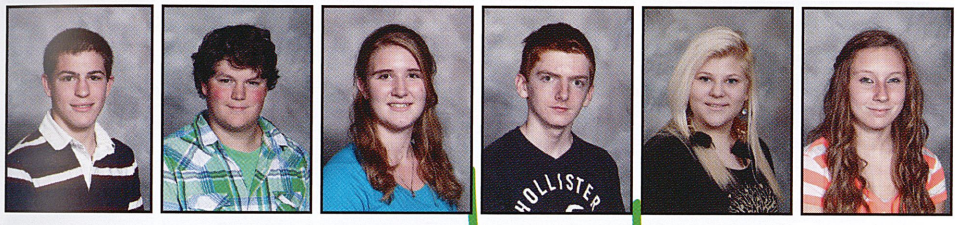
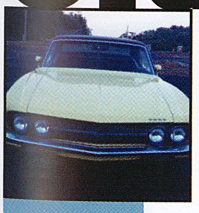
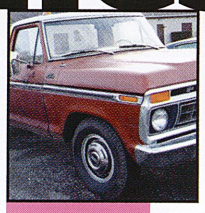
Renae Graham
Tyler Graham
Meghan Grantz
Marissa Gray
Ryan Hall

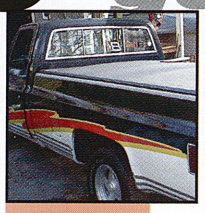


Ryan Hardaway
Ronald Hazen
Kara Headley
Kevin Heasley
Maria Helmininack
Kali Hepburn

oldies but goodies







Maddy Costanza

"At home, we have a 1970 Ford Fairlane. We got it from a shop in Vandergrift that doesn't even exist any more. Because it has too much horsepower, I'm not allowed to drive it. I really want to, but it's my dad's baby and he just won't give in. Maybe some day, I'll inherit it."

Joe Bruno

"I've driven a 1977 Ford F250 pickup truck since October. That truck is my baby. My father and I completely restored the exterior. It took us about two months to complete it. I hope to fully restore it some day from the frame up. I'll probably keep it for a long time."

Dylan Blair

"At home, I have a 1978 Chevy pickup. It's black now, but I'm going to have it painted silver in a couple of months. It has a 350 stroker in it that's souped up for racing. I've had it since May and I bought it from a guy up the road who had it sitting in a field. Let's go racing."

Dominic Hill

"I have a 1981 Chevy Camaro that I got as an Easter and birthday gift from my father. I try to store it in the winter time, but since my dad uses the garage to repair cars, sometime I have to let it sit outside. It's an automatic with a 350 engine in it. I hope to keep it forever."

Christina Lytle

"My family has a 1957 Chevy Bell Aire and a 1978 Cobra Mustang II. We got the Chevy from an older gentleman who reconstructs old cars. We actually bought the Mustang from a guy named Mike who builds race cars. Of the two, I would much rather drive the Mustang."

Drivers discuss aspects of their older vehicles

"The swimming blocks in front of each lane are the first thing that I see in a race."
Mariah Singerman [11]

stumbling blocks

TJ Pevin [11]

The hardest time in my life so far was when I witnessed my favorite pet dying. I was 12 at the time, so it was a big deal. It was a dog, a nine year old boxer, named Tiger. Tiger died when he was hit by a car. It happened right in front of me and the image stuck in my mind for years. My sisters and I tried to get over it by getting a new puppy. Although we love him, he can never replace Tiger, who was there as I grew up. Our new dog is also a boxer. We named him Max. He is just a playful as Tiger, and just as cute. He did a good job mending our broken hearts.

Jade Majerek [11]

The hardest thing I have ever had to deal with to date in my life was when I had to accept that my mom and dad are never going to be together again. It was a very difficult thing for me. It took me years to realize that just because they are no longer together does not mean that I will not see both of them. I also thought it was my fault they split up, but they assured me repeatedly that it was not. Eventually, I believed them. I have to thank my mom and my grandma for their support through this process. Without their support, I would have never gotten over it.

bizarre bonds

Staff links juniors in surprising string

Both have ridden on an airplane

Both play school volleyball

Both are new to Kiski this year

Paige Krug — Rachel Frye — Jensen York

Both have played football for 10 years

Both aspire to join the Marines

Both enjoying hunting

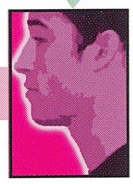
Jesse Noble — Shane Kuhn — Timmy Conroy

Both drive Jeeps

Both have hair longer than 10 inches

Both love rock and metal music

Tory Jackson — Katie Myers — Brian Clark



Both play the drums

Both belong to Ski Club

Both own horses

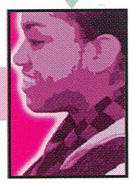
Tanner George — Cole Insko — Emily Verner

Both compete on the track team

Both have had features on TV

Both have a varsity letter

Delaney Colder — Morgan Kiebler — Brent Kennedy



Both know how to "dougie"

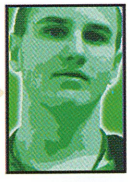
Both have performed in musicals at the school

Both stand taller than 73 inches

Kearston Turner — Maddy Costanza — Zach Myzsco

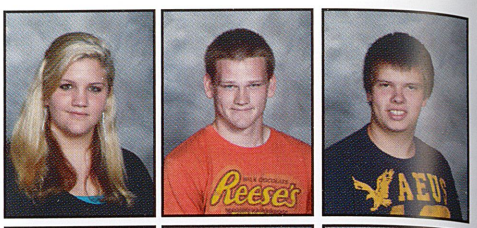
Both passed their driver's test the second time

Both have had a serious surgery

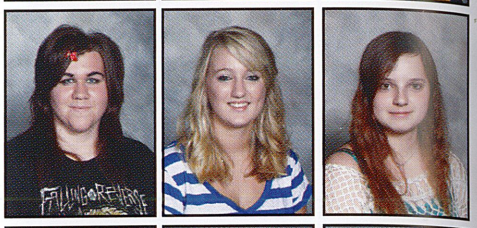


Billy Johnson — Mary-Kate Barker — Vinny Ribar

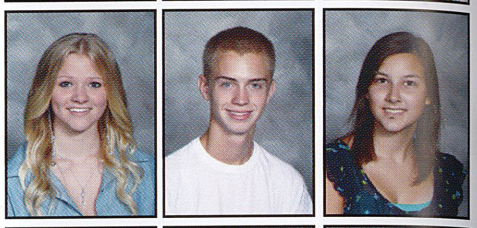
Amber Hepler
Dominic Hill
Jacob Hill



Jade Hill
Kyleigh Hill
Tori Hilty



Alyssa Hobbins
Gavyn Hohman
Michelle Hollinger



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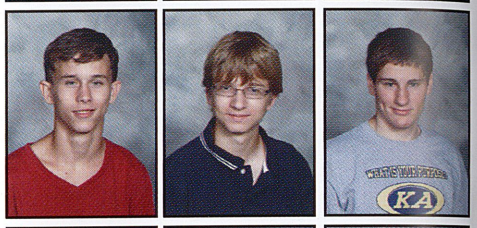

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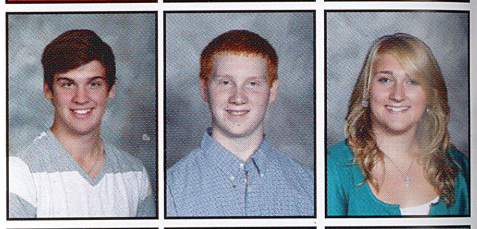
Tory Jackson



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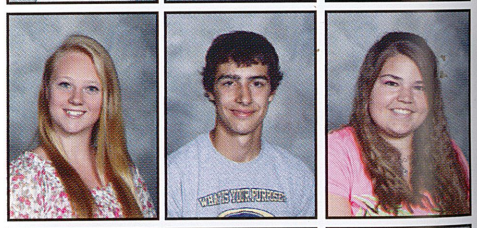
William Johnson
Angelica Jordan-Spiering



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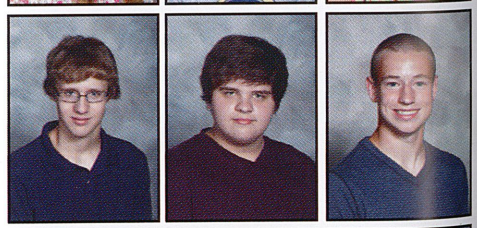
Ryan Kanner



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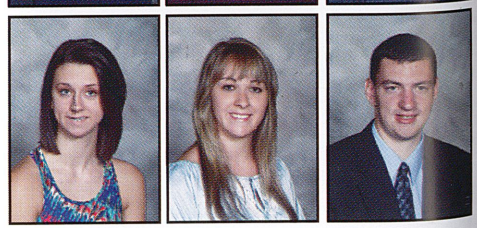
Kara Keibler
Gregory Kelley



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Brent Kennedy
Noah Kennedy
Andrew Kenzevich
Morgan Kiebler

Nathan Kiebler
Jordan King
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Logan Krause

Emily Krezan
Paige Krug
Shane Kuhn
Miranda Kumpf
Kevin Kunkle
Noah Kuruc

Emily Lange
Jacob Lange
Kali Leibert
Austin Linder
Haley Linsenbigler
Lauren Lizik

photo: *t. cloud* [12]

Bailamos?

On the Dia de la Raza, Emma Rosensteel [11] and Megan Beer [11] learn how to salsa in the atrium. Beer said, "It was awesome to spend the end of the day dancing and learning new types of dance." Students who took Spanish enjoyed seventh and eighth period on October 10 learning how to dance, Latino-style.

avoid the roadblock

"No matter what you face in life, always hold your head high."
Samantha Scott [11]

stumbling blocks

Katherine Debick [11]

The hardest time in my life, while not as drastic as some other hard times, occurs daily, and I mean every single day. My boss at work has an obsession with cheesy pop music. Of course, everyday she insists on turning on the radio. While this could possibly be a good thing, it is not. Why? Because the station she puts on every single day plays nothing but the cheesy pop music she is so fond of. I am not allowed to turn it off or turn it even turn it down. All day, I listen to, "Let me blow your whistle baby," and, "Star ships are meant to fly." This is torture.

Kali Leibert [11]

The hardest time in my life was when for the longest time, I was really insecure about myself. I was insecure about just about everything... how I looked, how I acted, what clothes I wore. This insecurity really started to get the best of me. If it was not for my friends, I would not be where I am today or even who I am today. I am much better about this now, more confident in myself. I truly could not be happier with my life these days. I am really glad and so thankful that I had and still have so many good friends to look out for me and always have my back.

"Don't mess with my block! That is all I have to say."
Tony Petrarca [11]

1 on 1

with Amber Hepler

While some girls chose to cheer on the school squad, others belonged to outside competitive teams. Amber Hepler and several others competed in the All-Star Gym circuit of cheerleaders.

what does fca stand for?

"FCA stands for Flo's Cheerleading Academy. It's located in Sarver, PA and I've cheered with them for nine years. There are six coaches who teach us all of the skills that we need to compete."

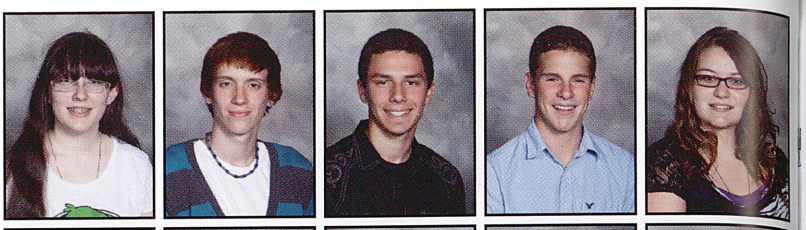
how far has the flo's company taken you?

"We compete locally and also nationally. We've even gone as far as Orlando, FL to battle other squads from around the country. My team has won the national title over 15 times in the past."

what do you have to do to prepare for competition?

"We have to mentally prepare first. You have to always try your hardest in every circumstance. We also have to improve our flexibility by repeating the routine over and over again."

Emma Lloyd
Alexander Lohman
Frank Longo
Michael Luciano
Jessica Machak



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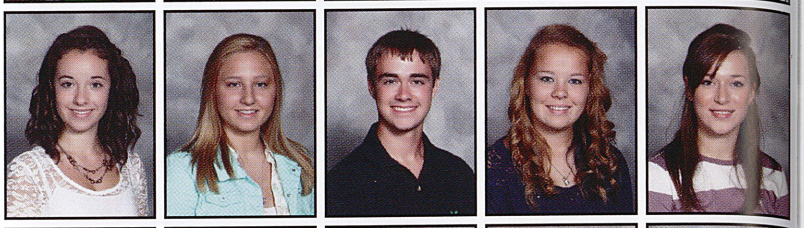
Nicholas Malagari
Stephanie Marchwinski
Alayna Markovich



Brianna McCaslin
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Ryan McCready
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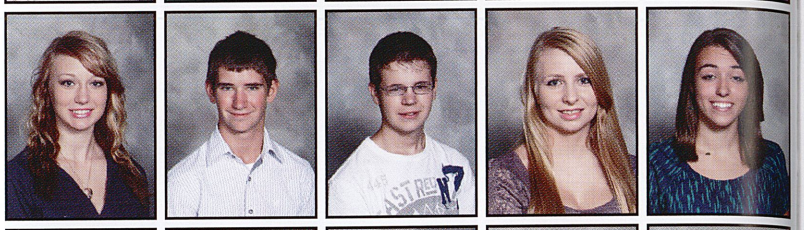

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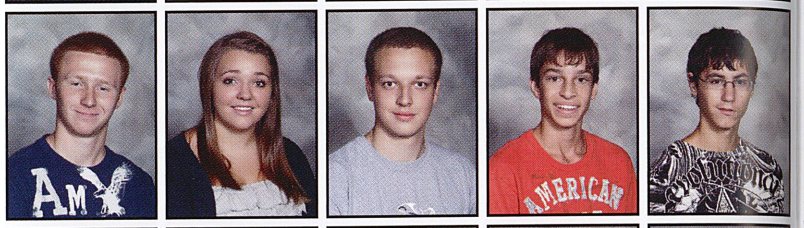
Kara McNamee
Kevin McNamee
Dylan McQuaide
David Medred



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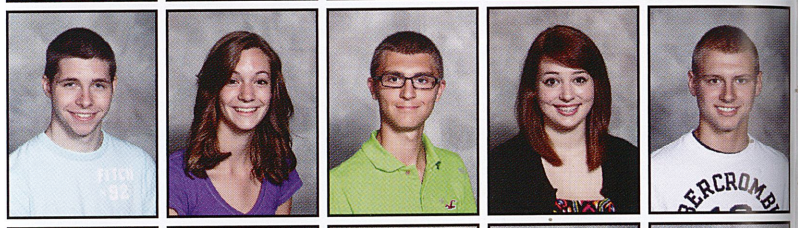
Patrick Miller
Rachael Minda
Adam Mitcheson



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Jalesa Morris
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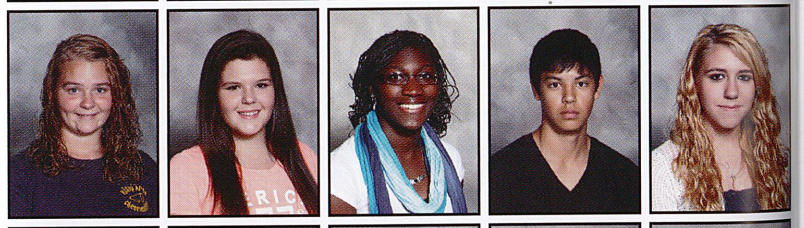

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Jessica Mull
Taylor Murdock
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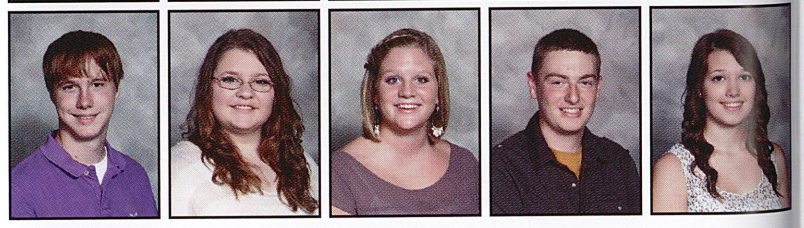
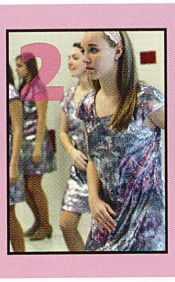


1) Right before she picks up her sabre, Mattie Morgan [11] finishes her 18 count phrase. 2) Marissa Gray [11] dances to *All That Jazz* for the Telethon. 3) In Act I of *The Drowsy Chaperone*, Joe Bruno [11] sings and dances *Toledo Surprise*.



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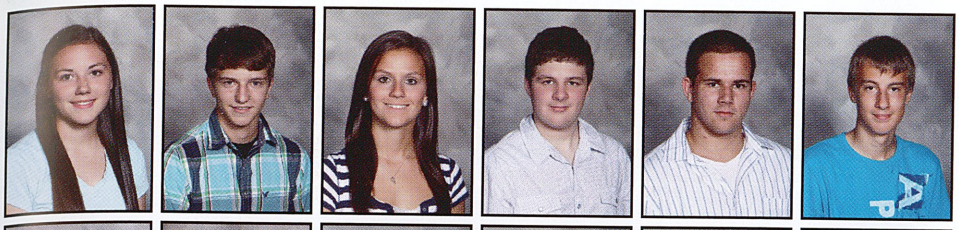

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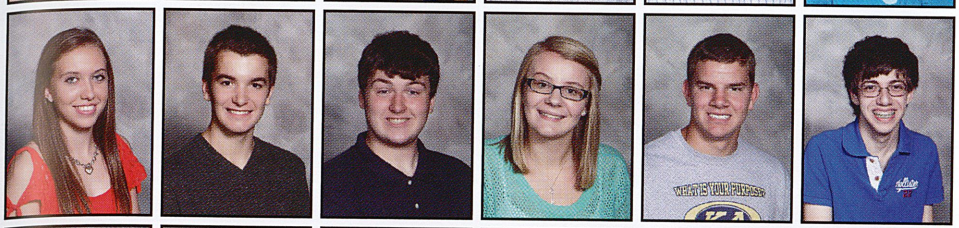

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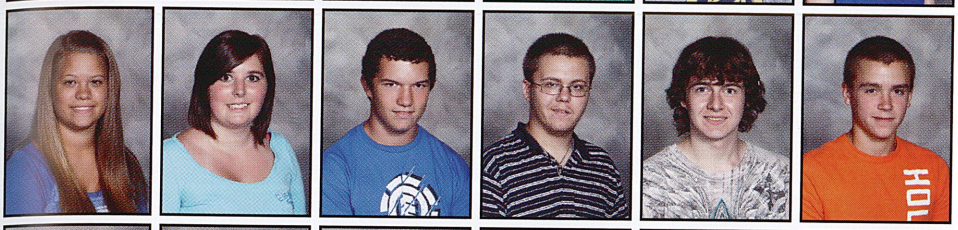

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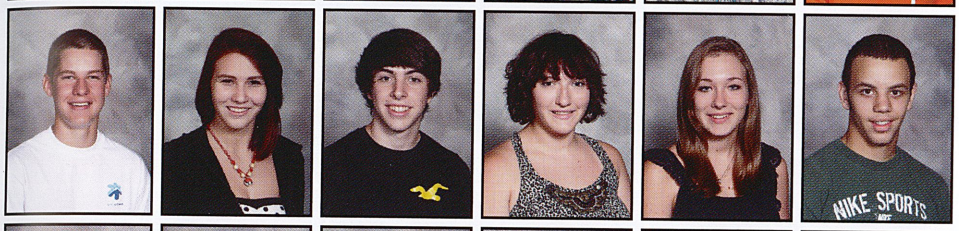

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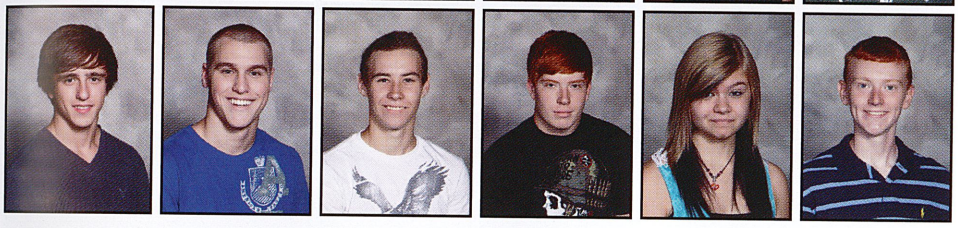

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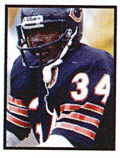
Shania Poney
Joshua Porterfield

photo: *k. aller* [11]

Holiday performance...
After practicing for months, Maddy Costanza [11] and members of KAndescence Show Choir perform at the local YMCA's *Silver Sneakers* program. Costanza said, "It was nice performing for the senior citizens. You could tell that it brightened their day."

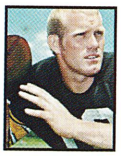
goin' old school



"*Walter Payton*... because he put so much work into achieving his greatness." *Brian Veitch* [11]

"*Roy Jones Jr.*... because as a fighter, he always respected his competition." *Tom McElwain* [11]

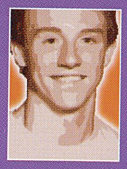
Most inspiring athlete ever



"*Terry Bradshaw*... because he won four super bowl titles in six years." *Christina Lytle* [11]

"*Archie Manning*... because he fathered two of the greatest QBs of all time." *Corbin Neumann* [11]

stumbling blocks



Brent Kennedy [11]

It was a hot, sticky August day. The relentless sun beat down upon my pale skin and my opponent, Tyler Paunovich. Tyler was arguably one of the best tennis players in the WPIAL. Our countless matches over the summer had left me with only one result-defeat. His skill was simply something I could not match, although my heart and desire was far greater. We battled for hours, but neither of us could gain the upper hand. It came down to tie-breaker in the final set. I smoked the ball past him for a game winning ace, and I celebrated my victory for days.

Briana Crabill [11]

I would have to say hardest thing I had to deal with was going from sixth grade to the intermediate school. I lost friends and I gained friends, and the drama really set in. It was a hard time for me because I only knew a few people and did not have many friends. Seventh grade did eventually turn around and I gained a lot of friends. I struggled with a lot of thoughts of just leaving, thinking my life wasn't worth living. If not for my best friend showing me God was always there and all my new friends making me laugh, I may not be here today.

"I try to block out what people say or think of me. I am who I am." Kaely Brilhart [11]

the man can cook

What dish does your dad "knock out of the park" each and every time?

"Nobody makes pancakes like my dad. They're absolutely amazing."

Matt Joyce (11)

"I can't eat enough of my dad's ribs. He smokes them with honey."

Patrick Miller (11)

"My stepdad makes really good eggrolls. I can eat a ton."

James Roundtree (11)

"My dad makes the best blackberry pies. He makes them for special occasions and I love them."

Evan Durkin (11)

Timothy Previni
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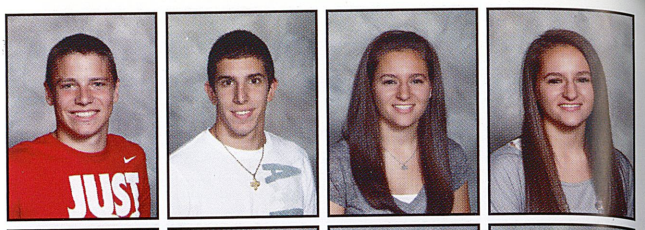

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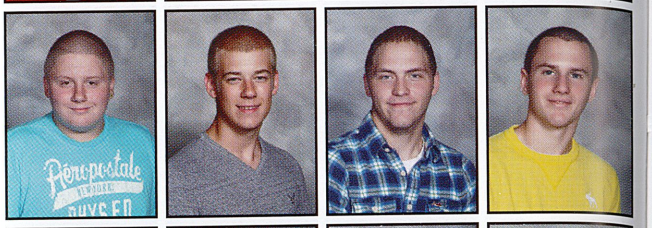

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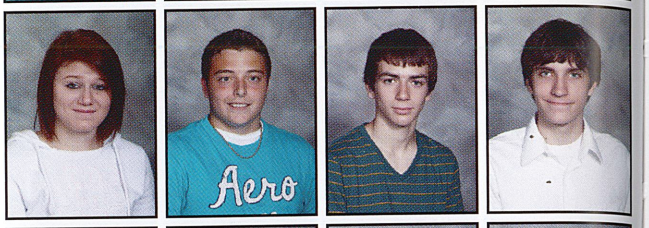

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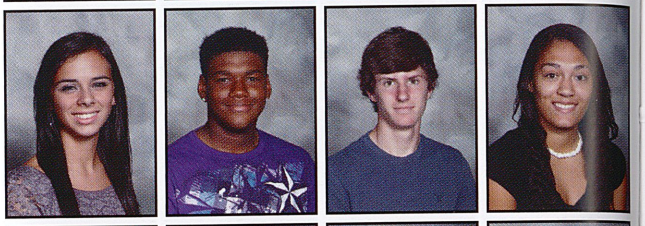

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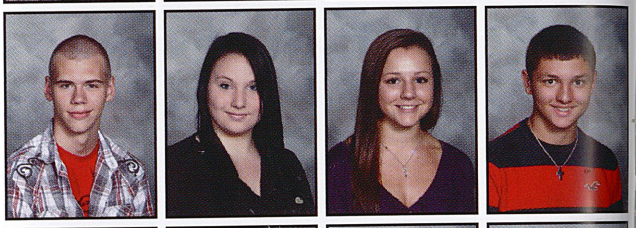

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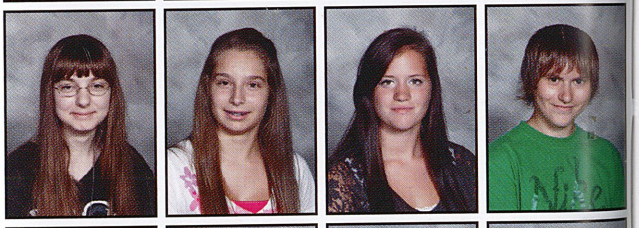

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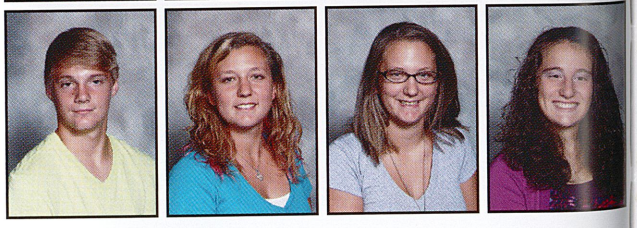


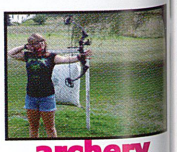
avoid the roadblock

"Winning takes talent, but to keep winning, it takes character."
Armond Brown [11]

look what I can do...

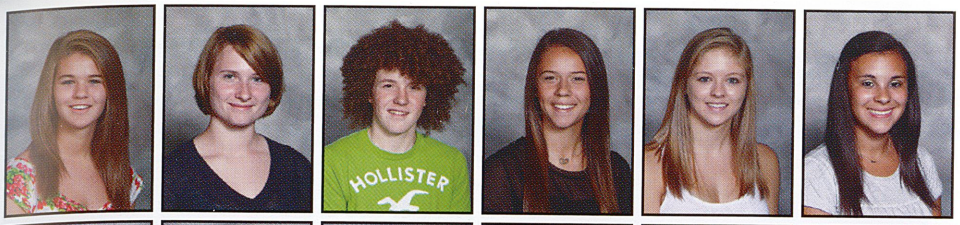
horseback

"I ride horses because it's my way to let loose and live free. I enjoy competing and I always give my all."
Emily Verner



archery

"I started so that I could hunt with my dad. I took first place in my division at the Dayton Fair last year."
Kaitlyn Kendall



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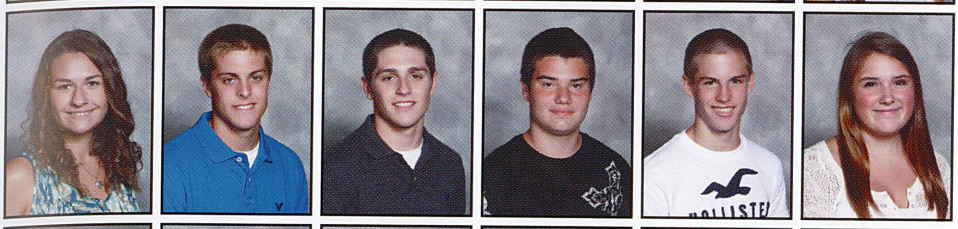

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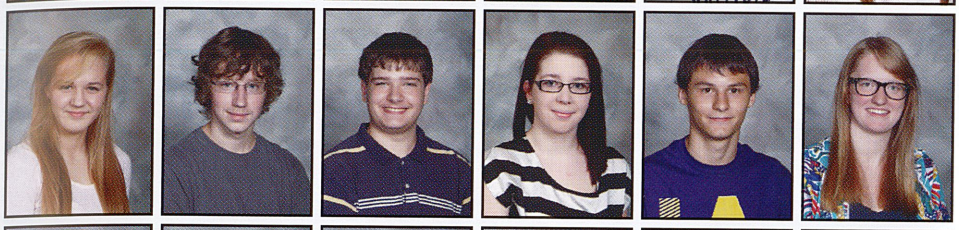

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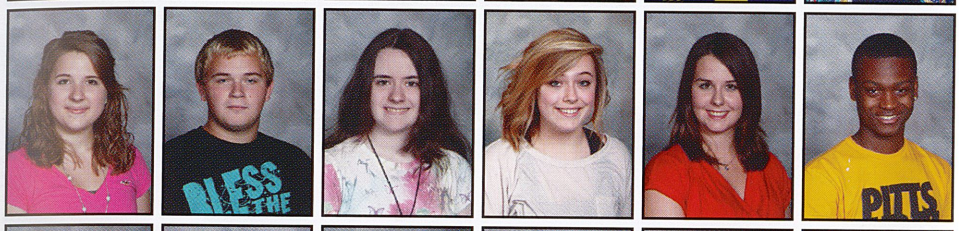

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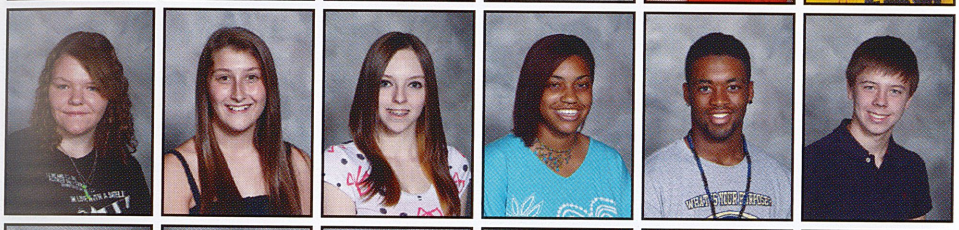

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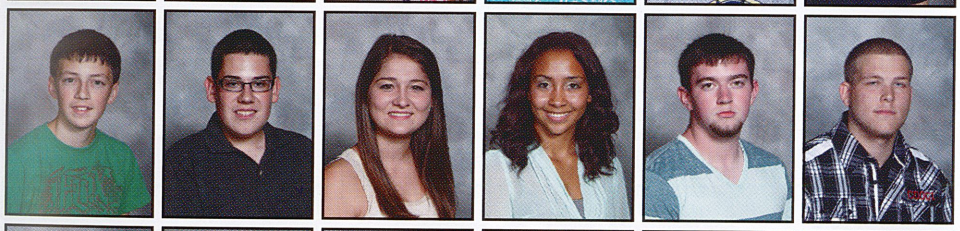

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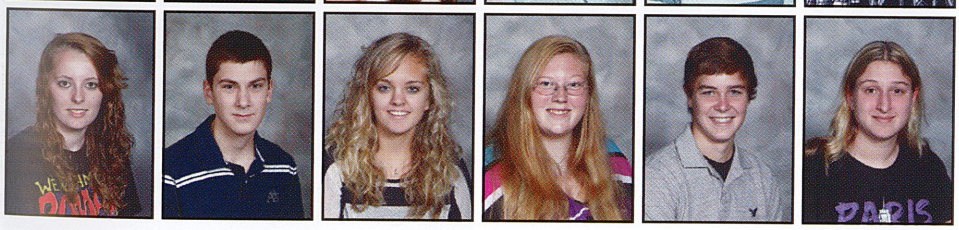

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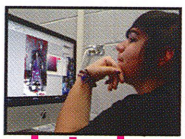
Emma Weaver
Elizabeth Weister
Alexander Welsh
Katelyn Wolfarth

acting

"I got involved in middle school and did the fall drama this year. I can now cry on command."
Rachael Minda

skating

"After one skating lesson, I was hooked. I play for Kiski's hockey team and the Armstrong Arrows."
Alex Polka

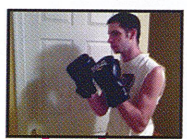


photoshop

"Photoshop is my favorite class at Kiski and at tech. I love coloring and touching up photographs."
Jade Hill

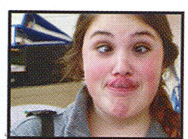
drumming

"Both of my parents have inspired me to love music. They both teach music for the district."
Cole Insko



boxing

"Boxing relieves my stress and lets my frustrations out. I have been boxing for two years now."
Trevor Meyers



nose touch

"I guess I just have an abnormally long tongue. They might think I'm weird, but they're just jealous."
Lexie Steele

"My favorite part of volleyball is when I block someone's nice hit."
Alexandra Sealholm [11]

stumbling blocks

Tori Hilty [11]

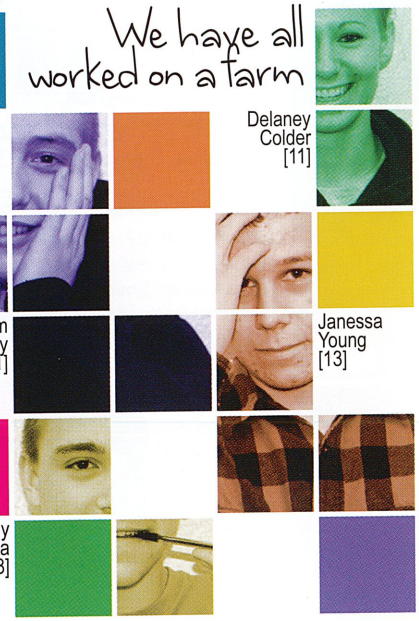
The 2011-2012 school year was my first at Kiski, and it was the hardest time of my life. I had moved to the area during the summer. I had trouble making friends, but my long time friend, Ron, lived close, so I met with him a few times. A boy in eighth grade that lives next to me became my friend, too. When school started, I still didn't know a lot of people, so I was nervous. Sharyn Taylor was my first friend and soon following her, Jess Ban, Sarah Mihelic, and Kyle were all my friends. I want to thank them and all of my wonderful teachers.

Amber Phillips [11]

I am currently overcoming the hardest time I have ever had, and that time is junior year. I signed up for every hard class possible, leaving me with six upcoming midterms and finals and enough homework for a month in the life of the average student. Not only am I drowning in homework, but I have endless yearbook work to do, as well as managing an officer position in Student Council. I was left with no choice but to quit soccer to manage the year's workload, depriving me of something I loved. Thankfully, this will all pay off later in life.

common ground

We have all worked on a farm



Delaney Colder [11]

Tim Conroy [11]

Janessa Young [13]

Maddy Costanza [13]

on tasks

He's in the Army now...

Ready to gather money on the fourth day of the Telethon, TJ Previni [11] stands outside the front atrium doors at school. Previni said, "It was kind of chilly that evening, but I only had to do it for an hour." Efforts from the Telethon raised nearly $15,000.

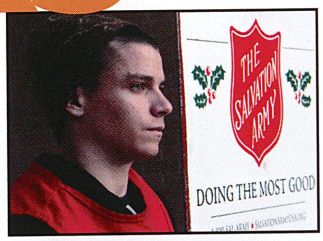


photo: *t. gibson* [12]

Getting organized...

While on a conference trip for PSPA in Harrisburg, PA, Kayla Wadsworth [11] looks over sample books. "The trip helped the staff get a lot of work done and organize what all we had to accomplish," Wadsworth said. She served as a reporting staff editor for the *Campus* staff.

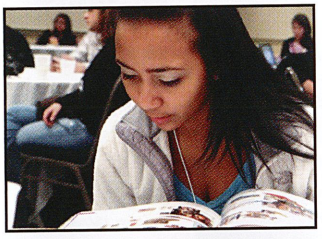
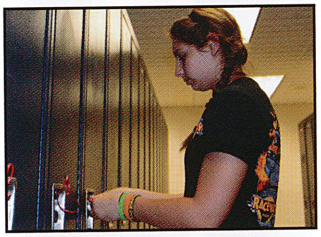


photo: *r. capanna* [fac.]

The job that never ends...

To celebrate Red Ribbon Week, Alex Seaholm [11] ties ribbons on to the junior lockers. "That was one of the most tedious jobs that I ever had to do," said Seaholm. Overall, she personally tied around ninety ribbons.



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Flower power...

Prior to the Dia de la Raza on October 10, Katherine Debick [11], makes paper flowers as decorations. Debick said, "We had to make about 85 flowers, huge paper chains, and banners for the event." Ms. Varano's AP Spanish made all of the decorations.

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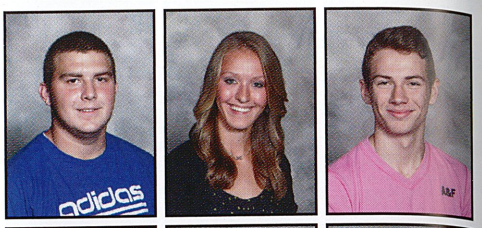
Jessica Yohe
Steven Yoho



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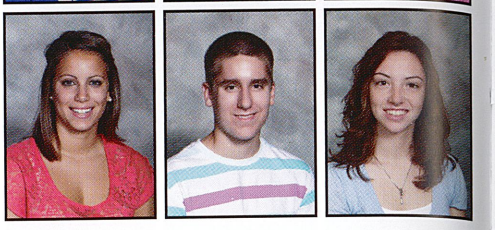

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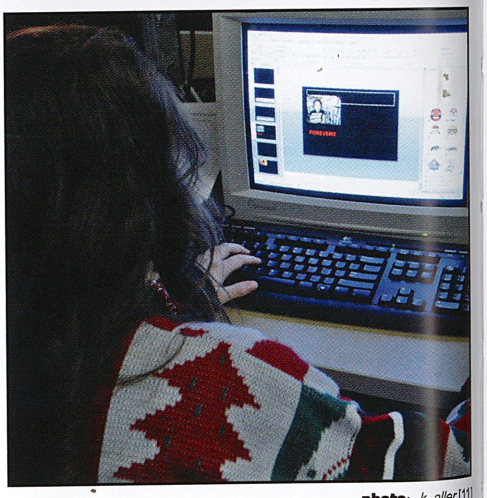
Helping hands...

At the front desk in the office, Angelica Jordan-Spiering [11] accepts a folder from Kayla Ball [11]. Jordan said, "Working in the office is just like a free period to walk around." She spent fourth periods helping the secretaries.

Picture that...

For the December 21 Good Morning, Kiski broadcast, Mary-Kate Barker [11] puts the topical graphics in for the backdrop. Barker said, "My job at the station is to choose a picture to represent each announcement." She arrived to the studio at 7:20 each morning to finish her work.



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not pictured

Richard Ashbaugh
Cody Baldwin-Carney
Ashley Barnes
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John Blasko
Dean Burnette
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Vincent Cogley
William Cousins
Haylie Daugherty
Angela Dugan
Shaylyn Hollobaugh
Justin Hrobak
Lauren Kelly
Jazmine Lawhorn
Charles Lyman
Thomas McElwain
Sarah Parson
Faith Pastva
Alexander Rosa
James Ross
Allyson Settino
Austin Tawney
Brandon Wechta
Tiffany Wilson
Jake Zourelias

Stinky feet...
As she feeds an infant at her mother's day care in North Apollo, Chelsea Deluisio [11] rocks the baby gently. Deluisio said, "The worst job at the day care is definitely changing diapers. They smell worse than Sierra's feet. Believe me, that's pretty bad." Deluisio helped out at Jenn's Playcare whenever she could.

photo: *k. aller* [11]

in the workplace

	Where do you work?	What's your favorite thing about it? Least favorite?
Austin Linder [11]	Wherever my employer takes me... I'm a carpenter in the summer, working for Scott Compton.	I like that I make good money and I don't have to think. I just work. I hate the long hours, though.
Brandon Smail [11]	I'm an umpire in the summer for twelve year old's baseball games, which means working nearly everyday.	My favorite thing is getting paid thirty-five dollars per game. It's the price to pay for getting hit by baseballs.
Davon Thompkins [11]	I work at the Dairy Queen right by the school for about twenty-two long hours every single week.	I love getting to eat all of their food on my breaks, but I really hate when I have to do the dishes.
Lauren Bono [11]	I work in the packaging area at Pounds Turkey Farm, and occasionally, I get to work as a cashier.	My favorite thing is definitely getting money. I hate wearing the gloves though; my hands get so sweaty.

stumbling blocks

Katie Aller [11]

The biggest struggle of my life is my dad's current project of remodeling our kitchen. He is tearing down the walls and ceiling. Everything from the kitchen is now jammed into the dining room, and there is no room to move, let alone to allow five people to get ready to go in the morning. From tearing down the walls, every day, the floor is completely covered in dust from the walls. I have no choice but to walk through the kitchen, and therefore the dust to get to the bus every morning. I practically leave footprints everywhere I go.

Kayla Wadsworth [11]

Life isn't always easy, but the things that make it more difficult also build character and make a person stronger. The hardest thing I've ever had to deal with was the death of my aunt. She was only 26 and died unexpectedly. We were so close in age that she was more like my sister or best friend than aunt. We grew up together, and no matter what, she was always there for me and always had my back. I hate that I never got to say goodbye because it happened out of no where, but I will forever love and hold Aunt Rachel in my heart.

"My sinuses are blocked as I slowly recover from the illness that I have had."
Mike Luciano [11]

Yasheema Adams
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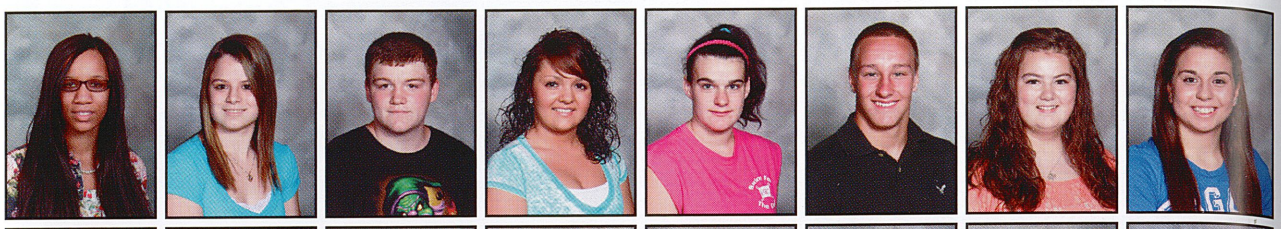

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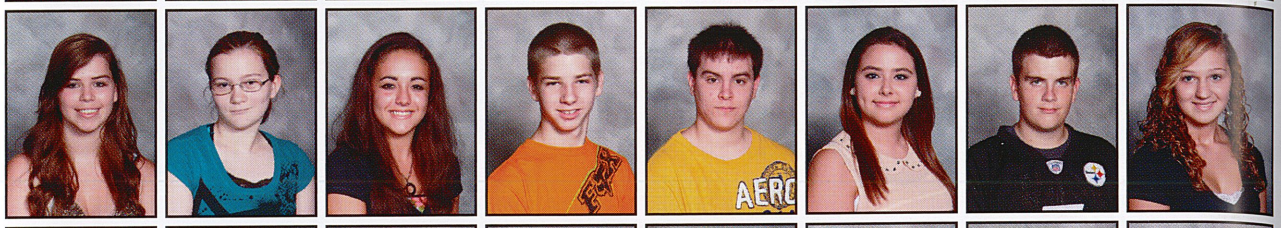

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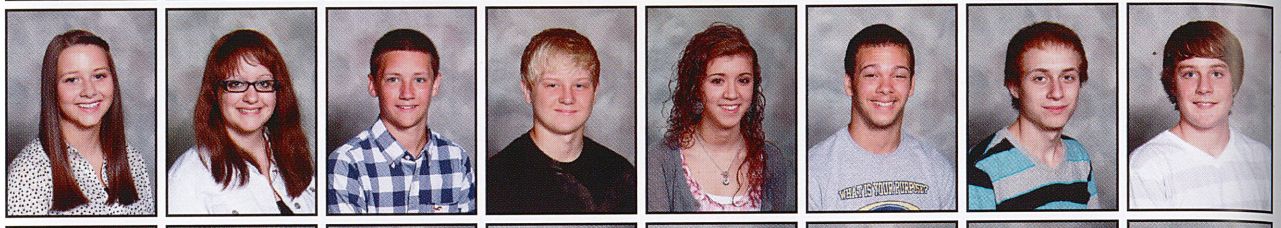

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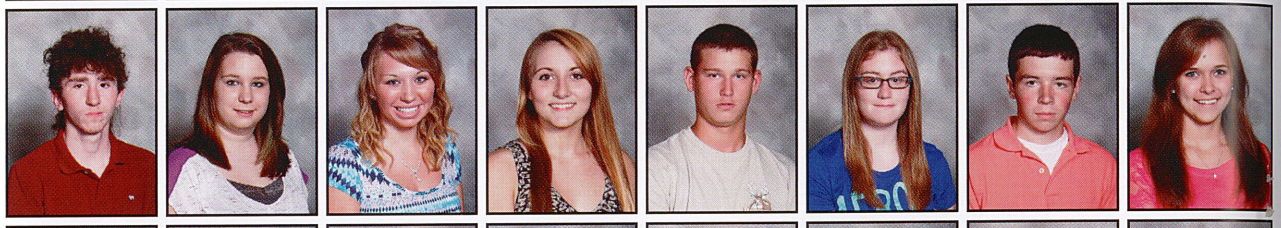

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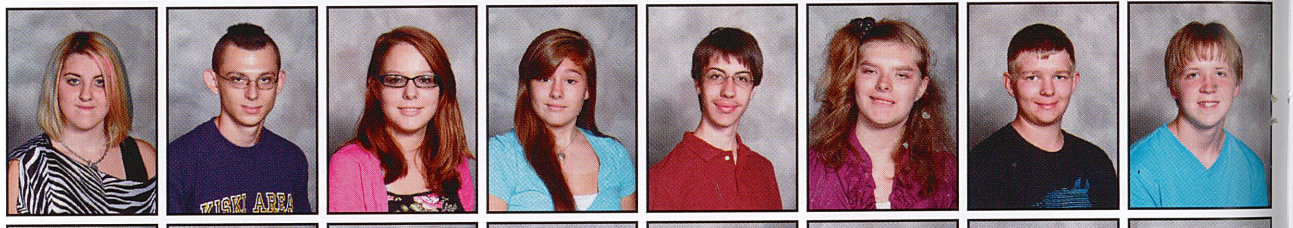

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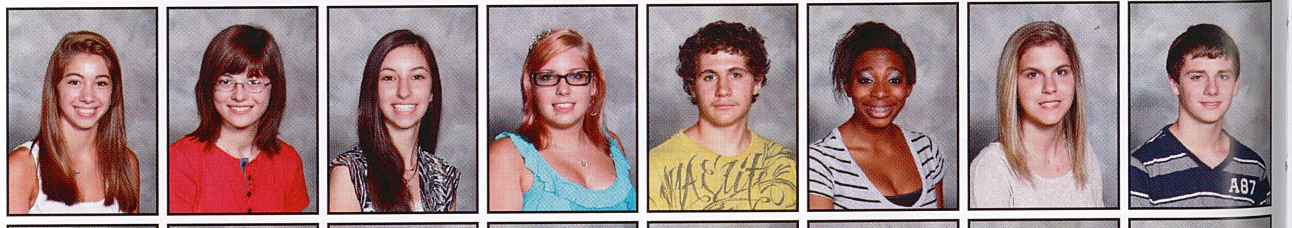

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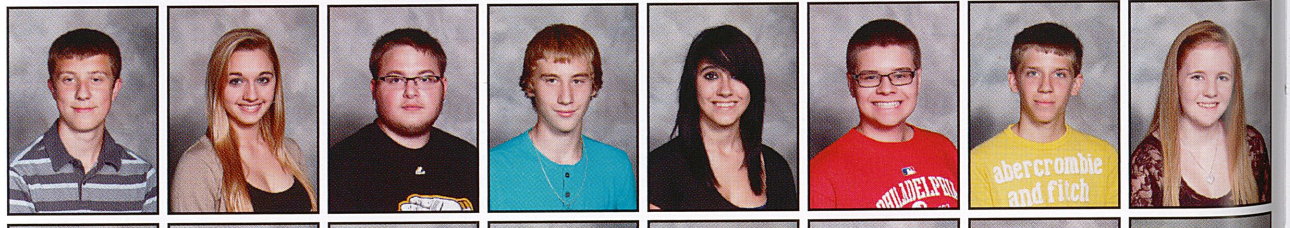

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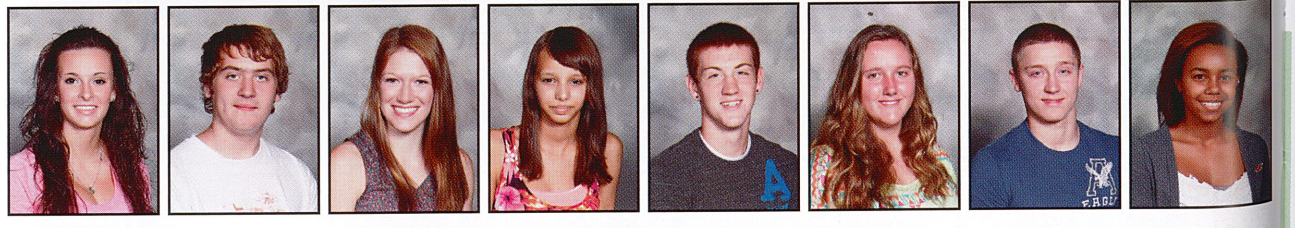

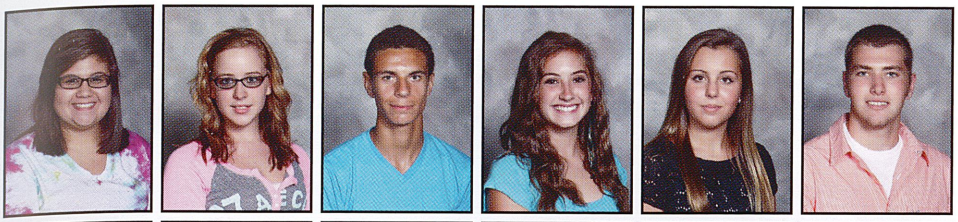

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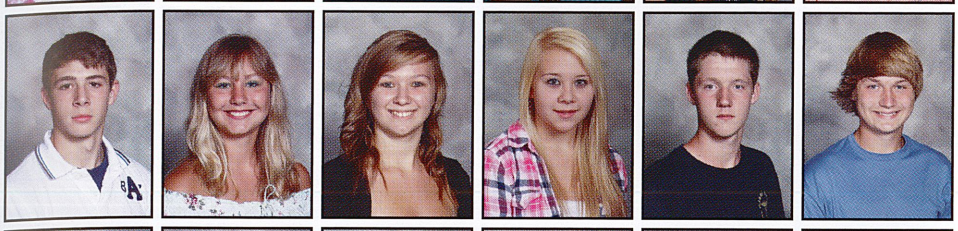

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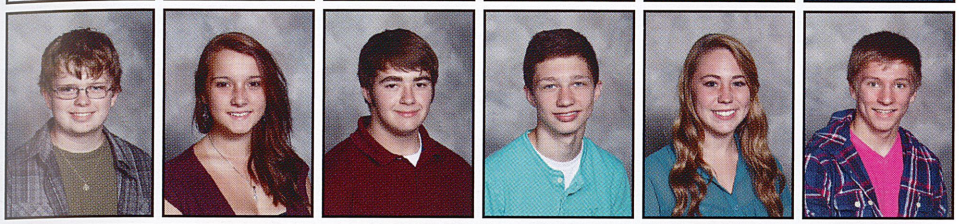

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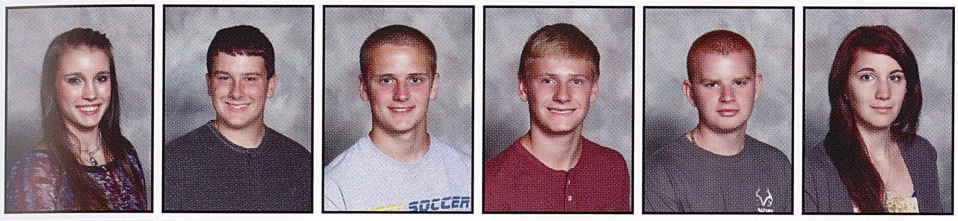

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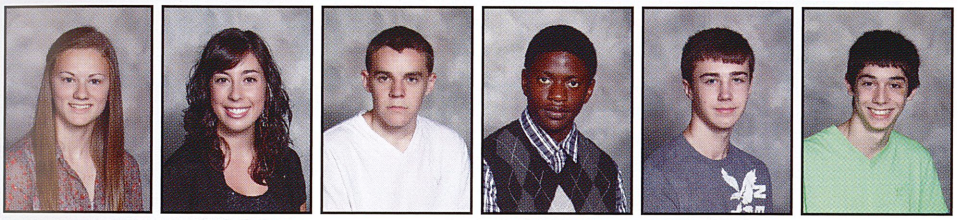

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Mia Gallippi
Anthony Galzerano
Edward-James Gardner
Matthew Gavaghan
David Geisler

stumbling blocks

Maggie McDermott [10]

One of the hardest times in my life was when my best friend moved away to Michigan. I first met him when he moved into the house next to mine when I was just five years old. Our families were very good friends. He had two siblings and he was the middle one, just like me. In sixth grade, when I found out that he was moving, I was devastated. He was my best friend. I threw him a party the day before he left. It was a very emotional time for me. It has been three years now and we hardly talk anymore. To this day, I still miss him.

Naomi Richardson [10]

The hardest time of my life was when my older sister Sarah was diagnosed with type one diabetes. Even though it didn't physically effect me, just the thought of Sarah being sick with this disease broke my heart. My whole family, especially Sarah, helped me get through this. Sarah was strong and told me to be strong, too. Sarah's attitude never changed, and she has never felt sorry for herself. For all the people who have family members with a disease or illness, you have to stay strong for them. They will greatly appreciate having you to lean on.

she wore them well

Brittany Fantuzzo

Brand
Metaphor

Store
Kohls

Size
8 1/2

Heels
2 inches

Price
$35

Kassidy Clever

Brand
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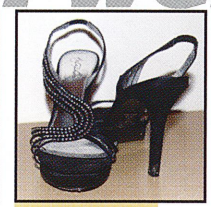

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Courtney Kowaluk

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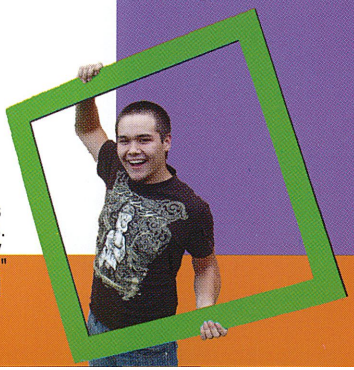
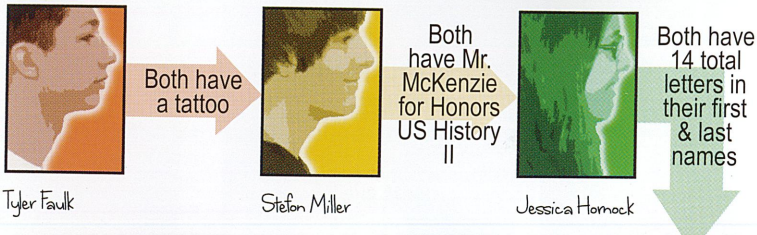
tenth graders dish on dance shoes

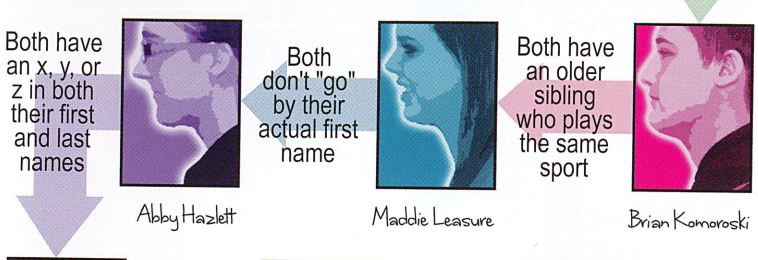
"I work on and fix cars and their engines. The block is very important to the car."
Donnie Richardson [10]

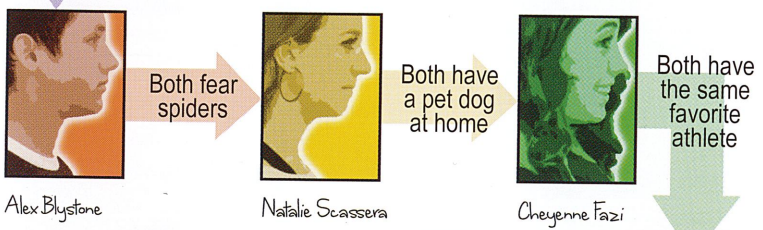


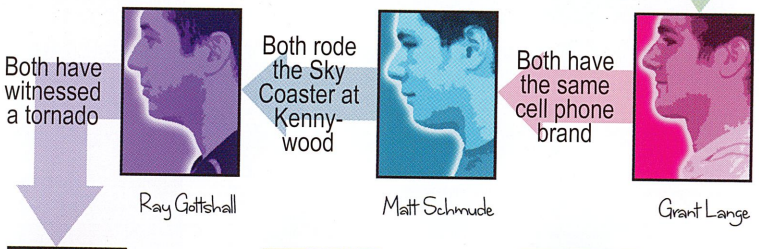
bizarre bonds

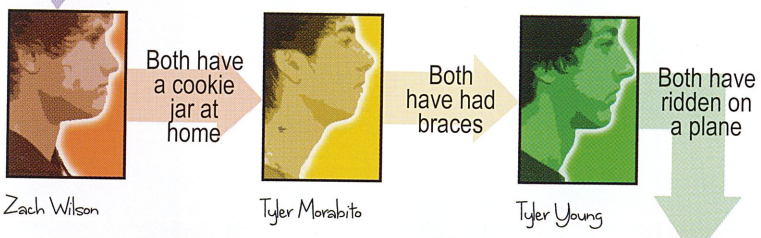
Staff links juniors in surprising string

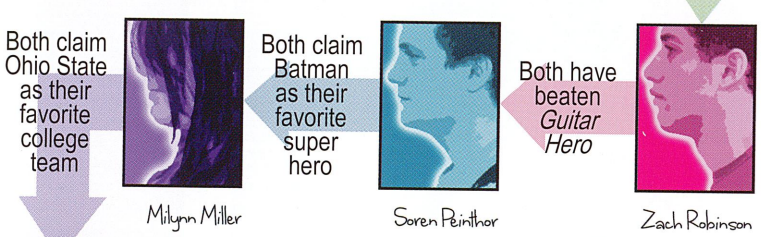


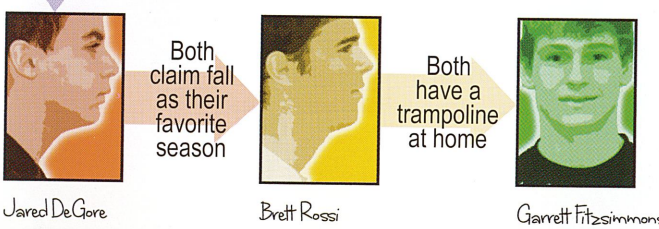


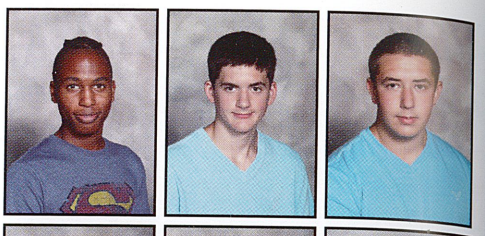












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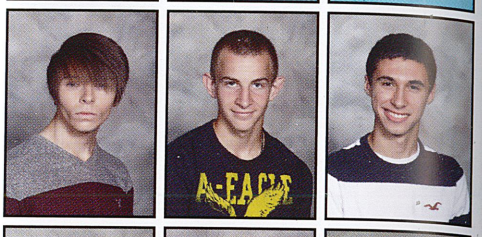

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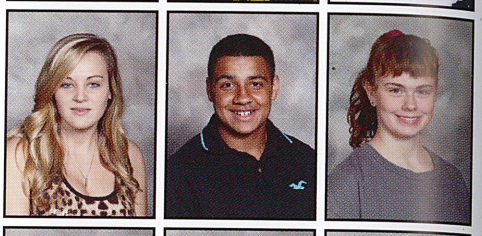

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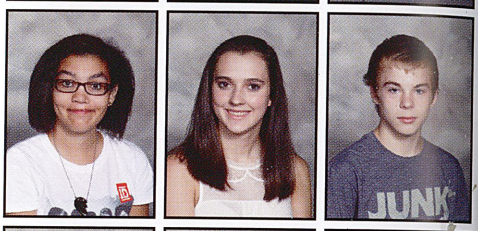

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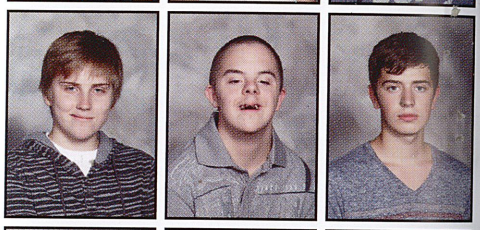

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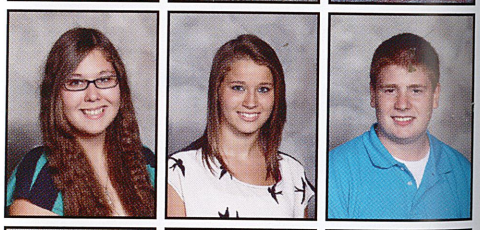

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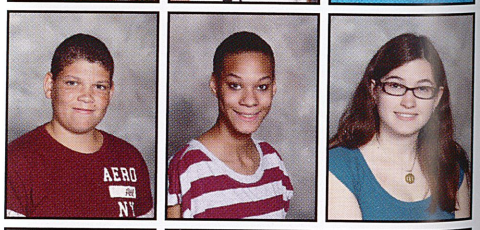

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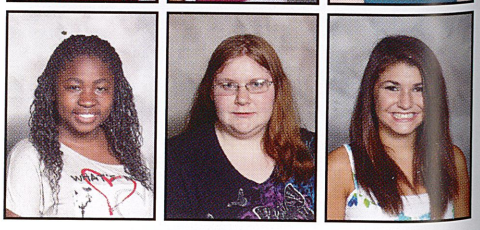

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Grant Lange
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Zoom in, please...

In their eighth period biology class, Don Richardson [10] and Davis Clever [10] conduct an lab with the letter "e" from a newspaper. Richardson said, "The letter looked different each time we changed the power." Both had Mrs. Taliani for class.

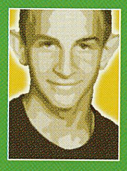
avoid the roadblock

"Follow your dreams and set high goals for yourself."
Lexi Ferraccio [10]

stumbling blocks

Sam Shamburg [10]

The hardest time of my life was one day at guard practice. I made a mistake and then gave somebody else the wrong directions. That person then got mad at me. The girl did not talk to me and eventually, neither did any of my other friends that were also friends with said girl. I was really upset because they even made me switch lunch tables. Luckily, I had other friends in my lunch, and they helped me get through it. My parents helped me out, too. They taught me that I had to stick with friends who would support me and that I was not alone.



Justin Gregory [10]

The hardest time in my life was when I was striving to get stronger and faster so that I could be better at football. All my friends told me that I would not be able to be a good football player. But, everyday I worked harder and harder to be good. I did track and soccer to help me get faster, and lifted everyday in order to build muscle. Even my gym teacher helped me get better by teaching me more about footwork. After a couple of years of hard work, I was able to start as a wide receiver and score about two touchdowns per game.

"The stumbling blocks experienced in volleyball have made us so much more like a family."
Darlene Galiszewski [11]

1 on 1

with Trey Gibson [10]

Everyone moves. Still, sometimes that movement takes on a more artistic approach. After winning the 2012 Talent Show with Armond Brown [11], one student's dub-stepping talents have even expanded into a new school club.

have you always had dancing talent?

"Whenever I started to dance, I wasn't good at all. Actually, I was awful. I practiced almost every day for hours at home in front of my mirror. I was intent on getting better."

from whom did you get your inspiration?

"I got most of my inspiration from a dance crew in Georgia named Remote Kontrol. My mom was watching *So You Think You Can Dance* and she had me watch them. I saw them and knew I had to do it."

where was your biggest performance?

"Armond Brown and I performed at the Pittsburgh East Church in Plum Boro. We opened up for their guest speaker that night. We performed to a combination of music from James Bond to Skrillex, into the song, *Wild Ones*."

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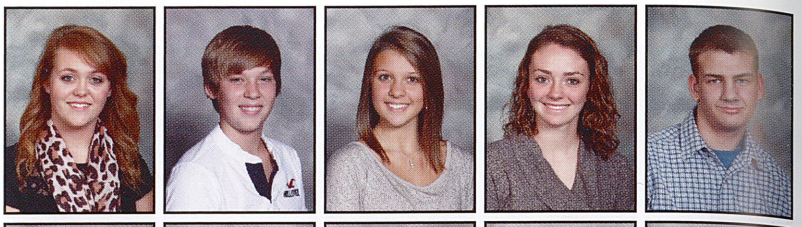

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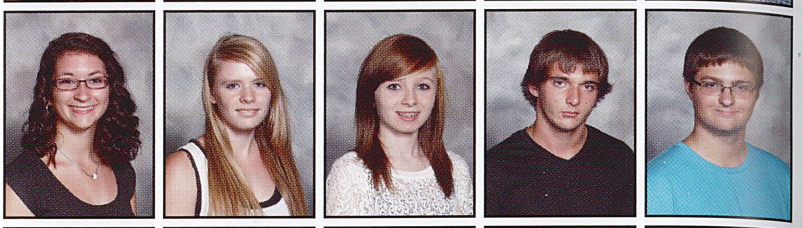

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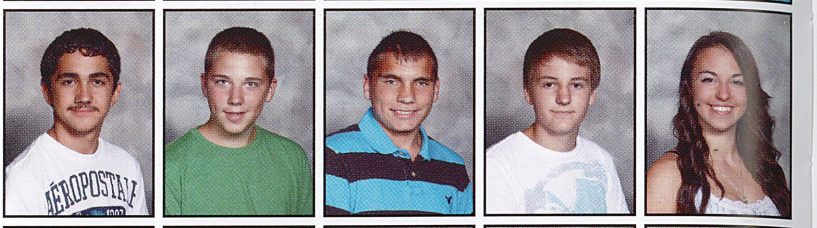

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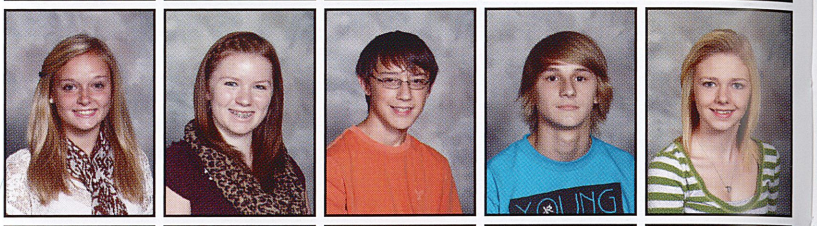

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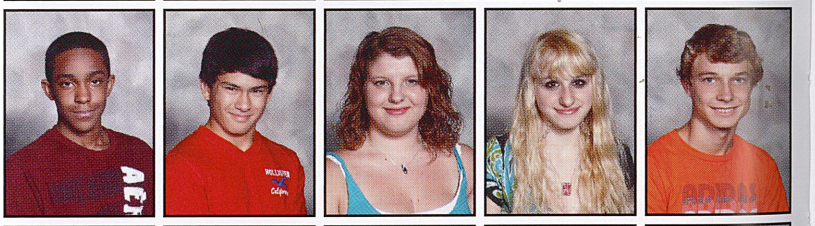

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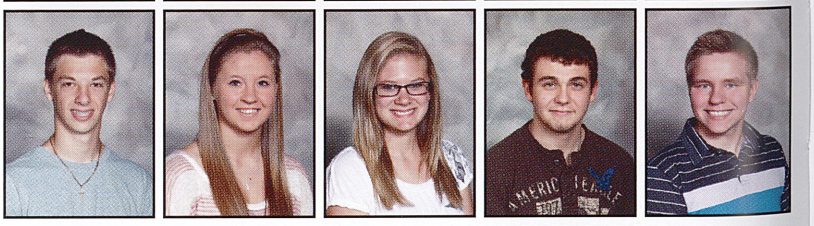
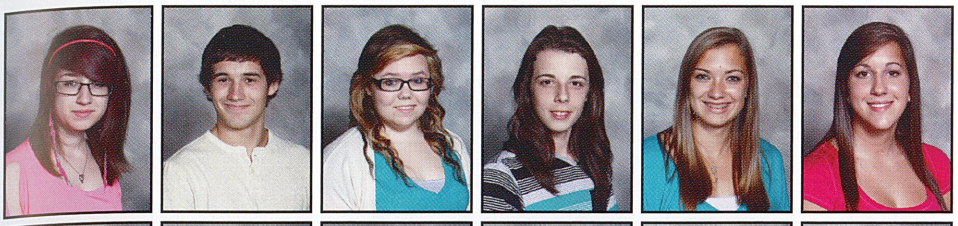


band camp

1) Ready for his next cue, Ryan Lepovsky [10] focuses on the drum major at the 8-21-12 practice 2) Brady Bingman [10] halts in the opener. 3) Trumpeter Evan McWilliams [10] covers down at the 8-9-12 band camp rehearsal.



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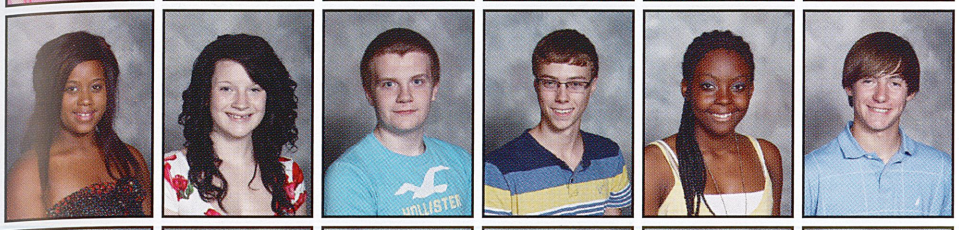

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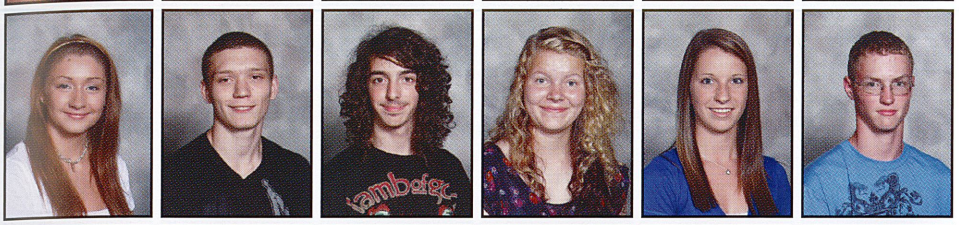

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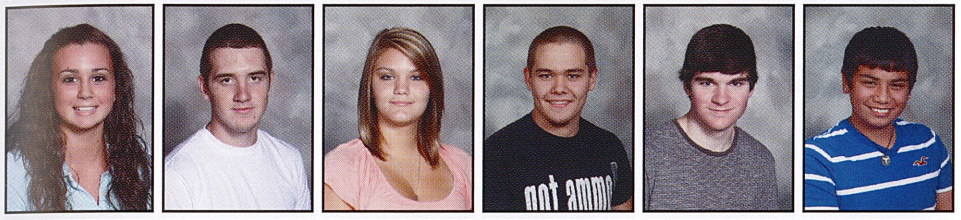

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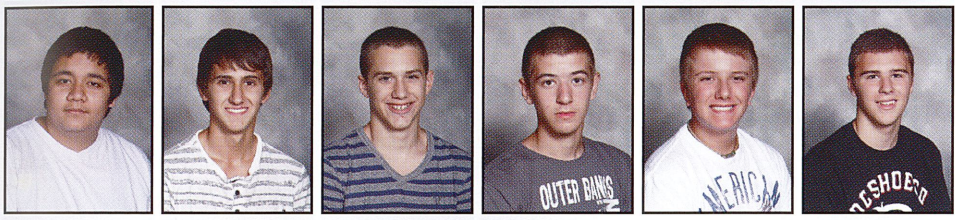

Jesus Rivera
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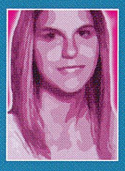
Brett Rossi

stumbling blocks

Mathew Bisceglia [10]

The most difficult time in my life was when I was in eighth grade and on the verge of getting both of my ankles operated on. After I had recovered from my broken ankie, I was told I needed to get surgery done on both of my ankles. I could not fathom what was to come during the surgery and afterwards. There was a chance I could not play sports ever again. My first day back to school, I had all of my friends there for me. If you think you are going through a tough time, get the support of your friends. They will be there for you and it'll make a huge difference.



Maria Cecchi [10]

One of the hardest things I had to go through was losing my childhood dog, Tiffany. She was to the point where she was sick more often than she was healthy. It was a hard decision to have to make, but we all knew it was the right one. When my parents took her to the vet, my grandparents and our close family friend across the street came and stayed up with us. I definitely took it the hardest. It was hard to sleep for many nights because she would always sleep at my feet. It took six years, but we finally found a new puppy just like her that I love.

photo: *c. terrill* [9]

Coffeehouse entertainment...

In the upper cafeteria on December 20 during third period, Kyle Shellhammer [10] and Sam Nelson [10] set up the mike for *Downfall of Us All* by A Day to Remember. Nelson said, "We had a blast getting ready and performing for everyone."

goin' old school

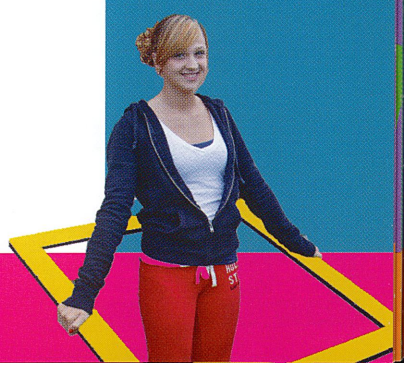
Best classic songs from back in the day

"*Beautiful Soul*...by Jesse McCartney. I used to think he was really cute." *Kelly Brocious* [10]

"*Sweet Caroline*... by Neil Diamond. I love it because you can sing 'Let's go Pitt' to it." *Bill Sarraf* [10]

"*Crazy Train*...by Ozzy Osborne. You just can't deny that great guitar rift." *JP Larko* [10]

"*Pinball Wizard*... by the Who. My favorite part is the chorus. They play a mean pinball." *Jerrica Jamison* [10]



"I like to play with cinder blocks because they are heavy and dangerous." Jessica Blanciak [11]

just thinking

What talent do you wish you had?

"I wish that I had more talent singing. I really like to sing, but I'm not that good."

Holly Yamber (10)

"I wish that I was better at playing guitar. I've played for eight years."

Gage Edinger (10)

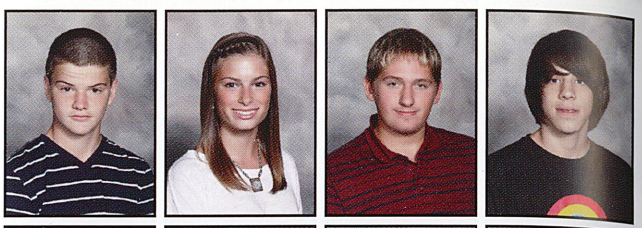
"I wish I had more experience on computers."

Ryan Lepovsky (10)

"I really wish that I could dance to dub-step like Trey Gibson and Armond Brown can."

Bella Spanbauer (10)

Bernard Rottschaefer
Kylie Royal
Matthew Russell
Shawn Sabot



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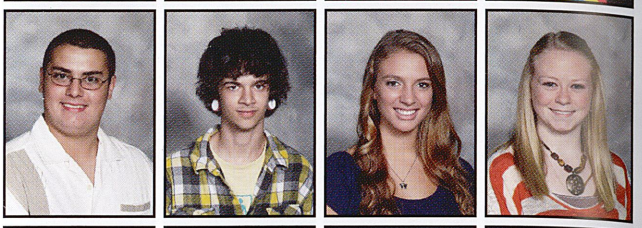

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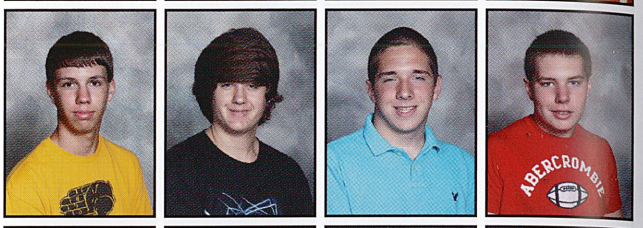

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Timothy Secreto
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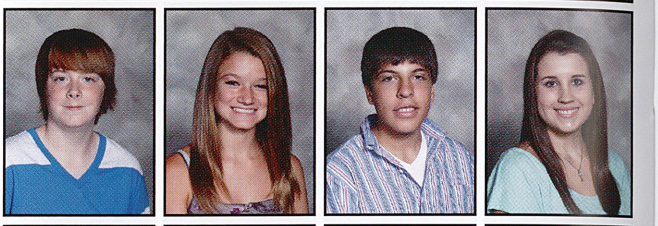

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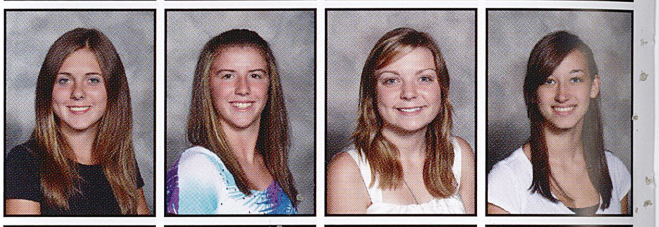

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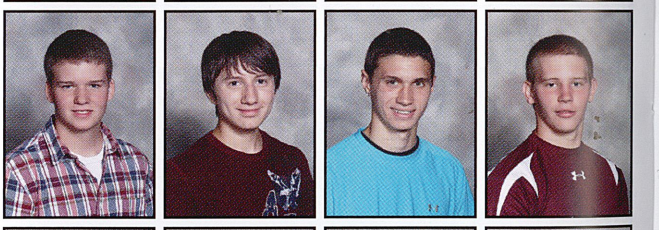

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Michael A. Smith
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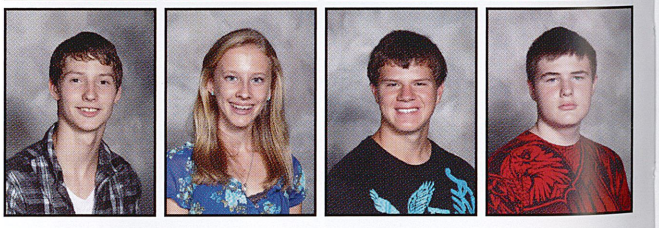


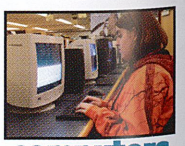
"Use your talents to better the world and not just for personal gain."
Tamara Cox [10]

avoid the roadblock

look what I can do...

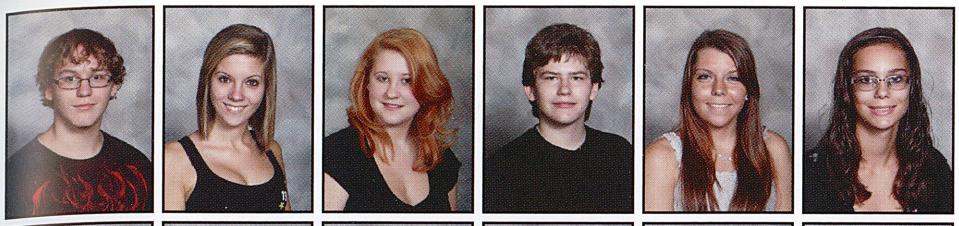
running

"I love to run. I actually hold Kiski cross country team's fourth best record. I never ran before 9th grade."
Lauren Smeltzer



computers

"I'm really productive with my work and I never hesitate to ask if there's something I don't know how to do."
Katrina Brown



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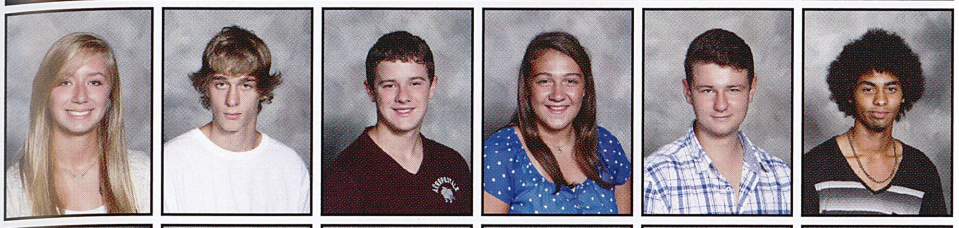

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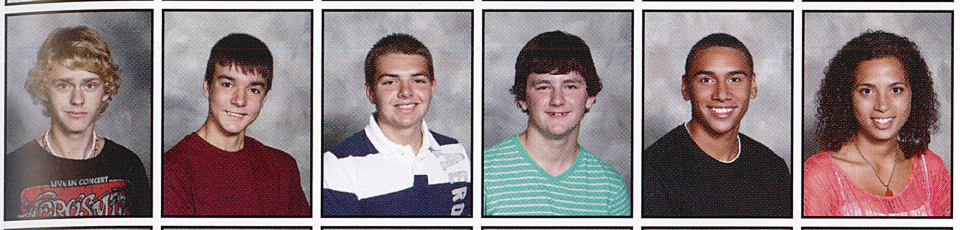

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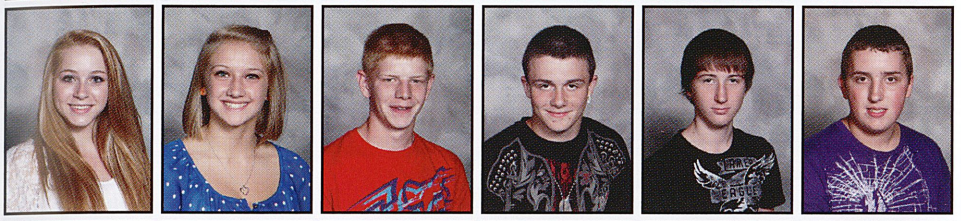

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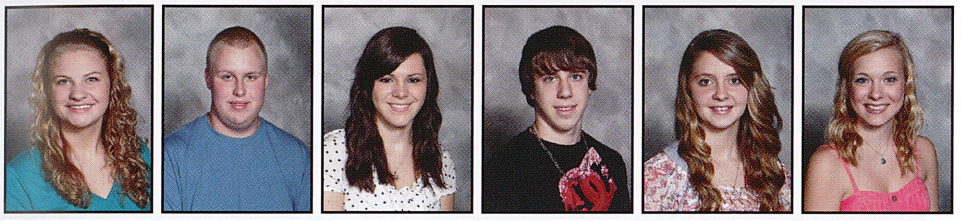

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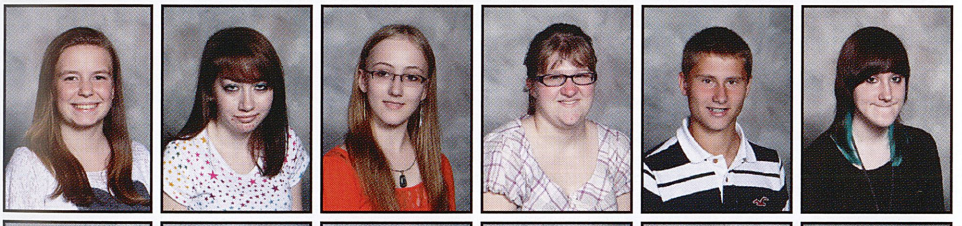

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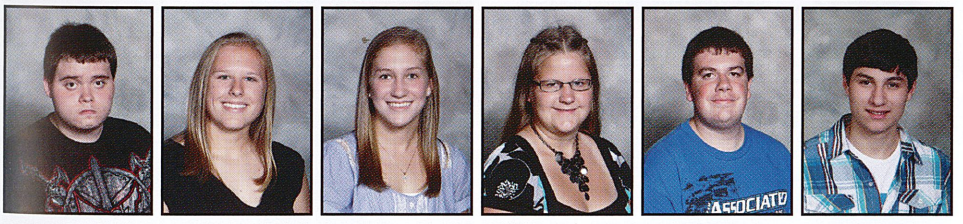

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Rachael Winiesky
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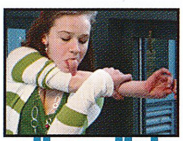
Joseph Young

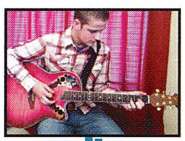
embroidery

"The first thing I ever made was a purse with flowers on it. The hardest part is threading the needle."
Tiffany Wilt



elbow lick

"I actually have hyper-extended shoulders. It does help that I have very short arms and a long tongue."
Maggie Kuzemchak



guitar

"Music tends to run in my family. To go beyond just singing, I had my dad teach me how to play the guitar."
Ben Fiore

motocross

"If you motocross, you're born to do it. Even when I get hurt, I keep going because it's something I love."
Brett Rossi

soccer

"I have placed soccer ever since I was four; my cousins influenced my decision. I have great role models."
Alison Lohr

diving

"Diving isn't just a sport to me; it's a lifestyle. It has truly molded me into the person that I have become."
Aubree Culp

"I like to randomly stop and block people in the hallway."
Alex Paullet [10]

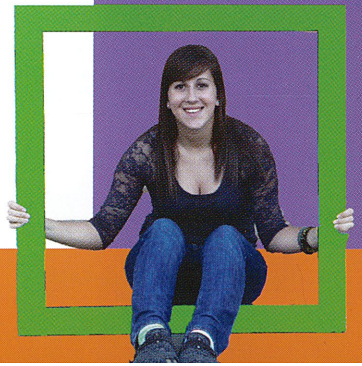
stumbling blocks

Kayla Hayden [10]

The hardest thing that I have ever had to deal with to date is when I had my hip surgery. It was really hard to go through, but I made it because I never gave up. The hip surgery was difficult to go through because it was hard to walk and stand still, but I got through it all with help from my friends and family. I would mostly like to thank my mom because without her, I wouldn't be stable with my hip; so, thanks mom for everything you did for me. Now my hip is healing, but it hurts sometimes. Still, I still have my family and friends to help me with it.

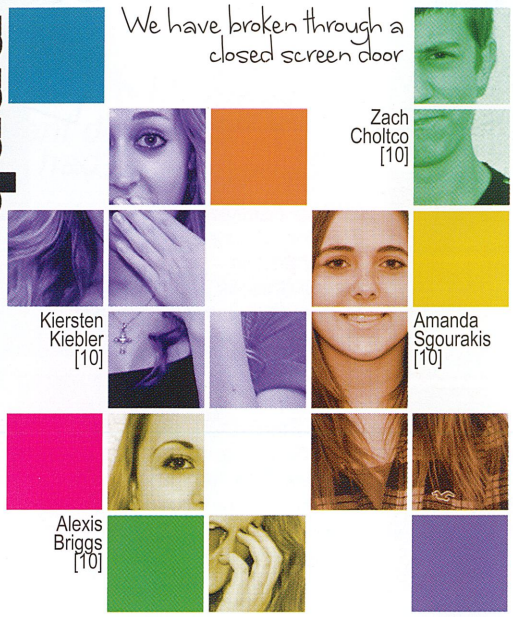
Marina Stascak [10]

At my softball game in Connellsville, we were losing terribly, and we were sure we would lose the game. At the bottom of the sixth, there were two outs and I started a rally. We scored five runs and tied the game. At the top of the seventh, we shut them down completely and it was our time to bat. Our top team players struck out, and with two outs, I came up to bat. I was so nervous I couldn't even hold the bat. Then, Coach called a time out to talk to me. Afterwards, I stepped up and hit the game winning home run!



common ground

We have broken through a closed screen door



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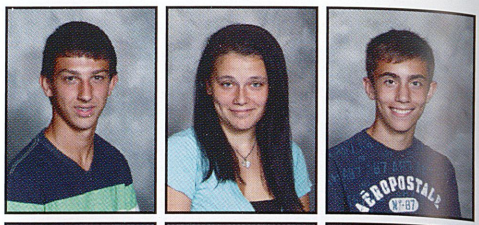

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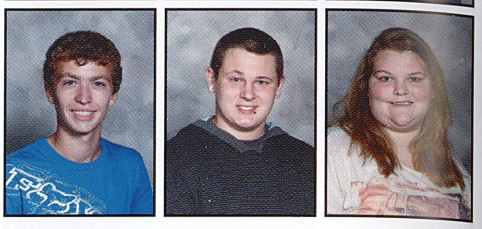

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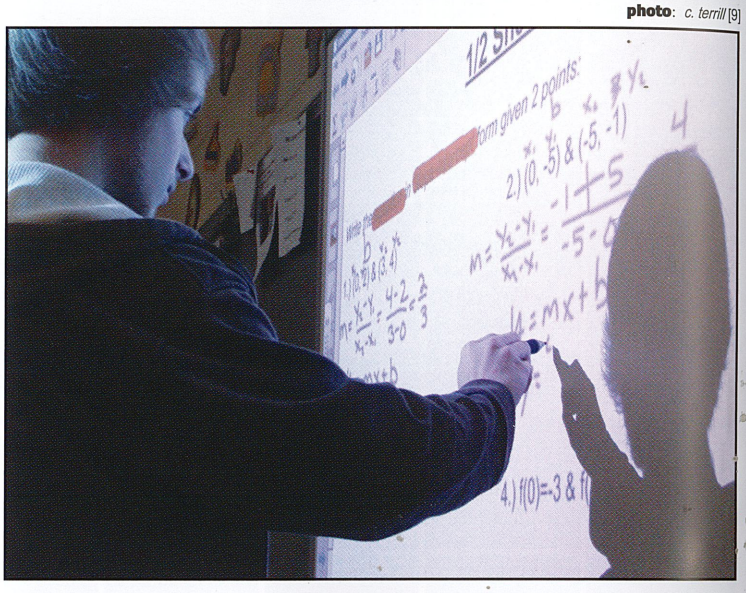
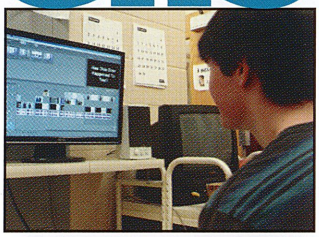


on screens

Who made that video?

To perfect his video in Mrs. Jacob's Broadcast Media class, Ryan Ritenour [10] edits his film. Ritenour said, "Even though the program is complicated to use, I like the challenge of it." His group, *Anonymous Productions*, produced four videos.



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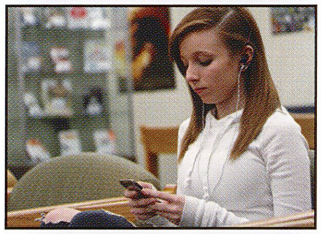
Alternative choices...

Seated in the library, Kelsey Machen [10] changes tunes on her iPod screen. "I have about 200 songs on my iPod. Most of it is alternative music," said Machen. She also owned an iPad that she used at home.



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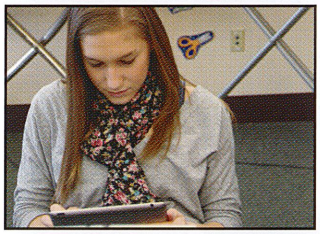
Puzzling thoughts...

In room 140 with Ms. McCluske, Megan Wolczko [10] finishes a word search puzzle on an iPad. "I don't own an iPad personally, but it would be nice to have one." She said that she enjoyed using her iPod, however.



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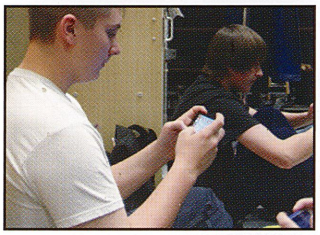
Back in black...

Holding his iPhone 5, Clint Klingensmith [10] plays *Fun Run*. Klingensmith said, "I would be bored to death if I didn't have my iPhone to keep me busy." He purchased his phone from Verizon on Black Saturday.



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It all adds up...

In front of his first period Algebra I class with Mr. Culler [fac.], Logan Bothell [10] solves an equation for the y-intercept. Bothell said, "The Smart Boards are way better than chalk boards because you don't get chalk all over yourself."

Flour power...

Careful not to spill all over the counter, Maddie Leasure [10] sifts flour in Mrs. Novak's [fac.] class. Leasure said, "Sifting the flour helps to separate any lumps out." She and other students prepared cookies, appetizers, and drinks for the annual Christmas Tea.

photo: *k. aller* [11]

not pictured

Charlene Ainsworth
Ashley Burns
Cory Clark
Clifford Crawford
Adam Crissman
Breana Daugherty
Dezmin Edmonds
Michael Garlick
Andria Guajardo
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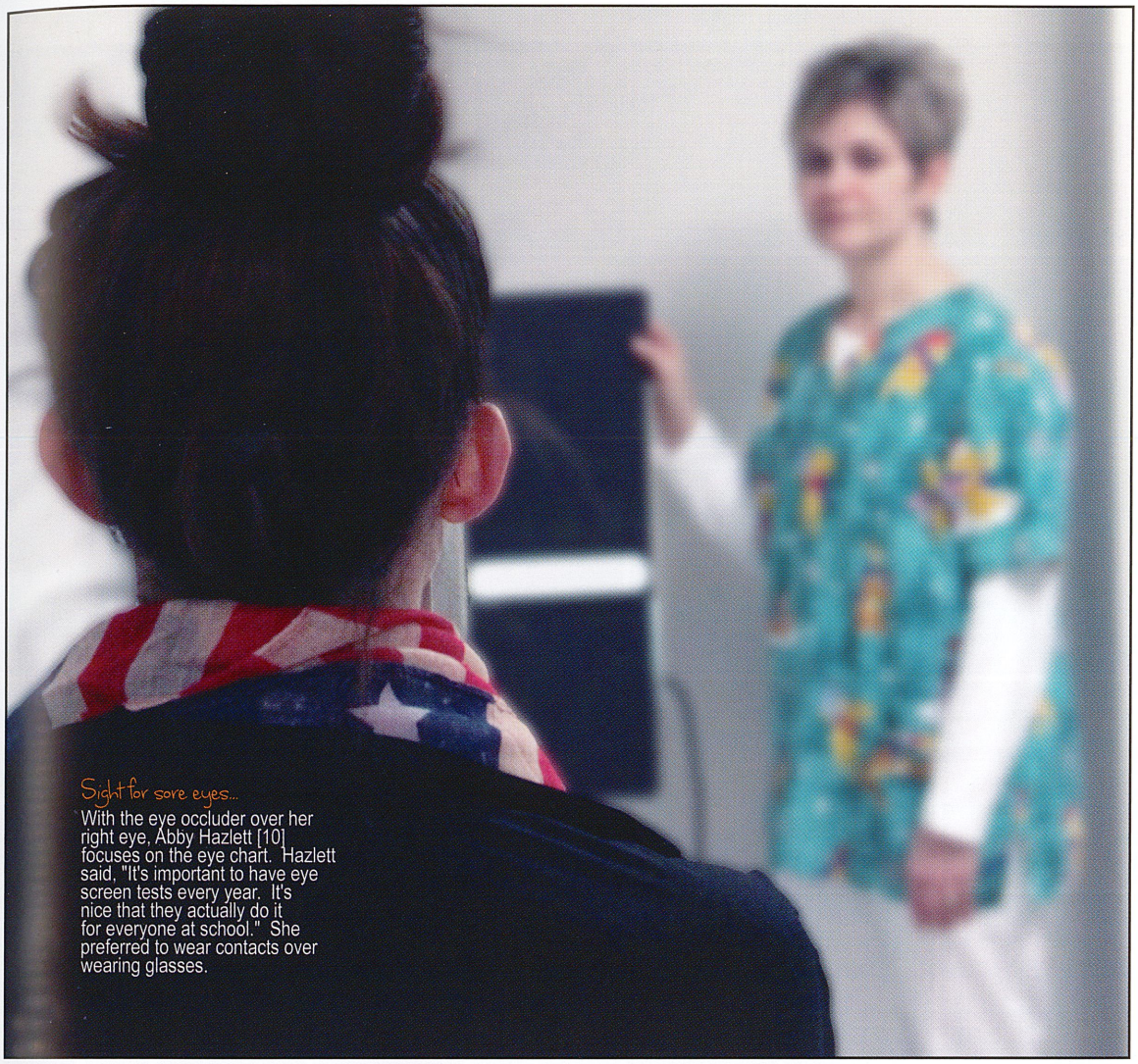

Sight for sore eyes...
With the eye occluder over her right eye, Abby Hazlett [10] focuses on the eye chart. Hazlett said, "It's important to have eye screen tests every year. It's nice that they actually do it for everyone at school." She preferred to wear contacts over wearing glasses.

photo: *k. aller* [11]

stumbling blocks

Tori Mundy [10]

The hardest thing I've ever had to deal with is preparing for midterms and finals. I took Honors Geometry and Honors English. I prepared and got through them by studying for an hour or two a day for three days straight. The secret is really just being prepared. You have to get enough rest and study the materials the teachers give you. It is always a good idea to just reread the books or text too, or even just go over the stories. Always try your best and don't let little things get in your way. And, study, study, study! Best of luck to you all with finals.

Kaitlan Kwas [10]

When I was five years old, I was bit by a German Shepherd dog on my thigh. The wound was down to the bone. I now have prosthetic skin and a large scar in the shape of the letter "L" on my thigh. I have recently been told that I can get plastic surgery to correct the imperfection, but I denied the opportunity. I used to believe this scar was a bad thing, but now, when asked about it, I say, "I got bit by shark." (I change the story every time.) Then, I tell the real story in order to get a laugh out of them. The injury made me who I am today.

in the theater

	Do you like to sit in the front, back, or middle?	Have you ever gone to a midnight premier? Of what?
Reno Zaffina [10]	I sit in the middle because it is not too close to the screen and not to far away, either.	The only midnight premier I've been to was *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part Two.* It was so awesome.
Erin Serena [10]	I like to sit in the way back because it is the best place to sit; you can see everything.	I've never gone to a midnight premier, but I really want to. I'd love to see a scary movie at a midnight premier.
Shane Toth [10]	I sit in the very back so that I can see everything. It makes it feel like it's really happening.	I've never had the chance to go to one because I've never had a ride and I can't drive yet. Poor me.
Sara Cline [10]	I sit in the back because it makes it easier to see. It doesn't hurt your head the way it does when you're too close.	The *Twilight* books are my favorite series, so I went to see all those movies at midnight.

"I block out other colorguards and winterguards at competitions to stay focused." Abbey Ballas [10]

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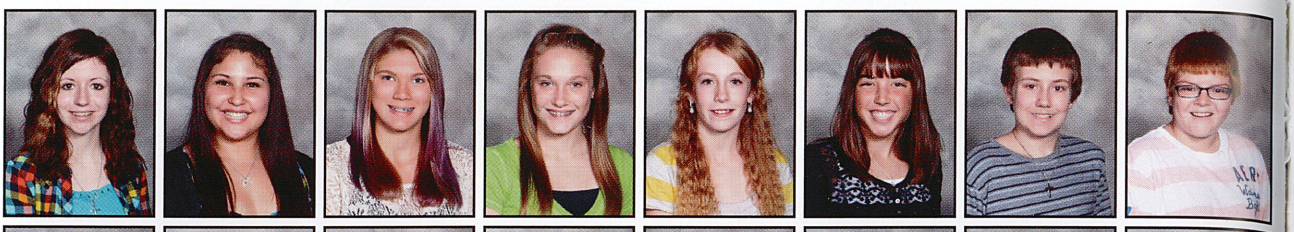

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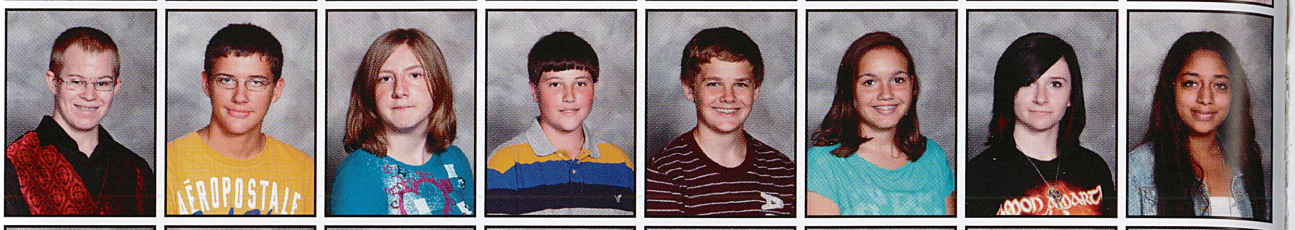

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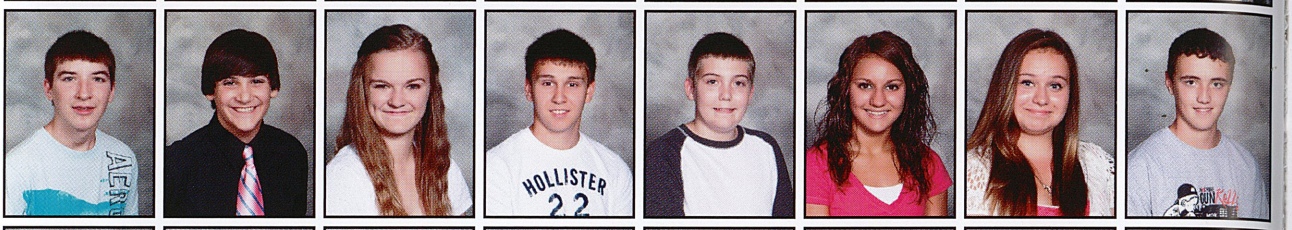

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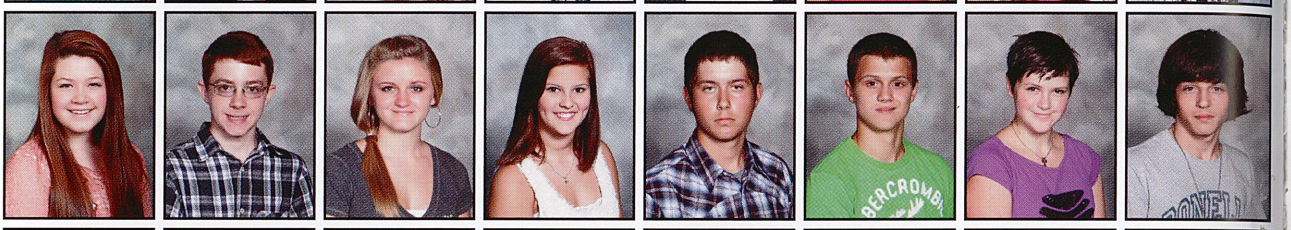

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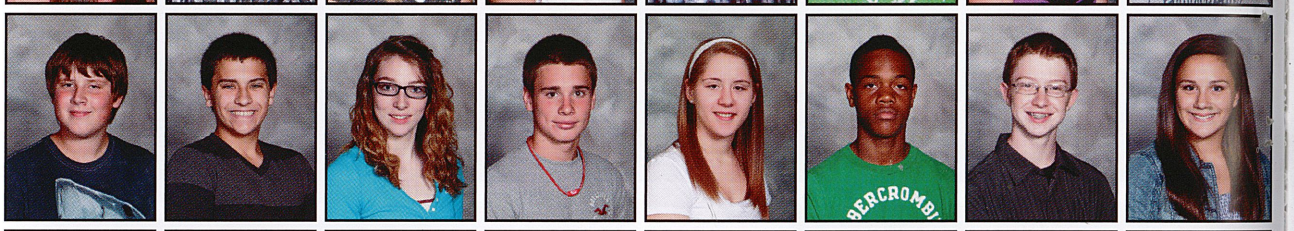

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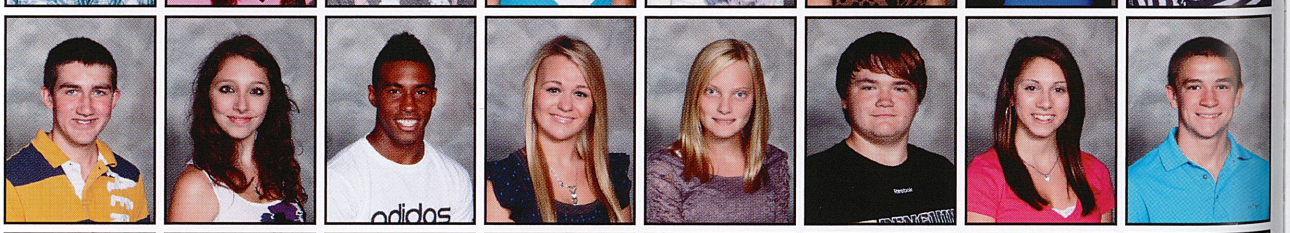

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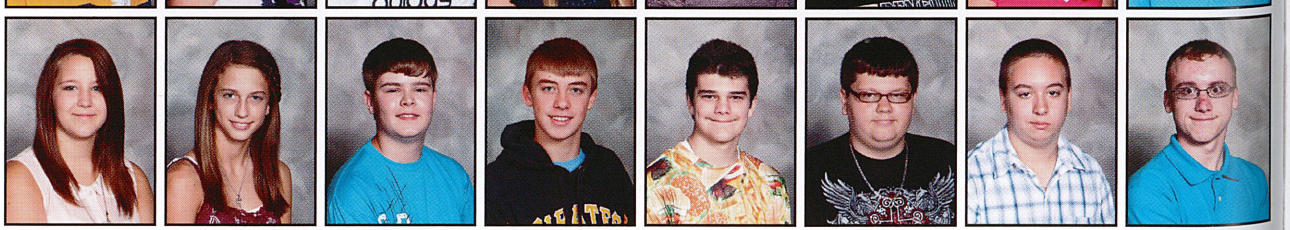

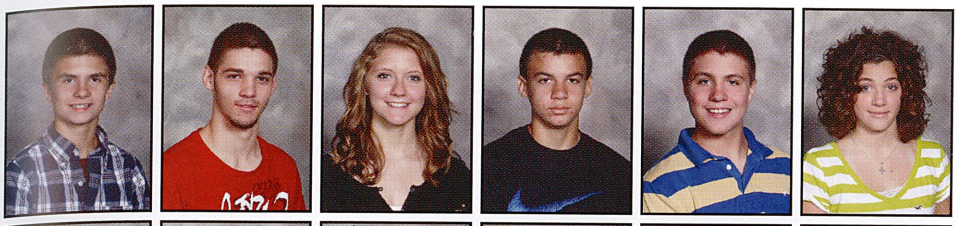

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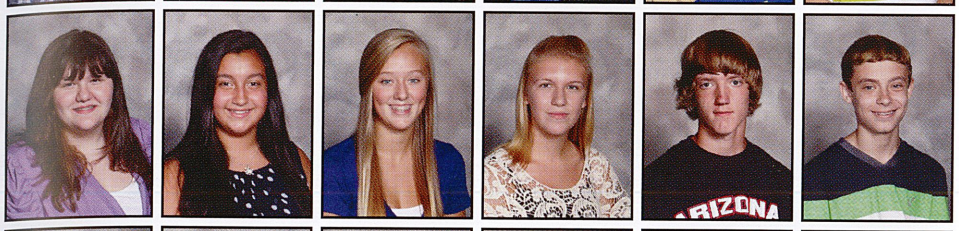

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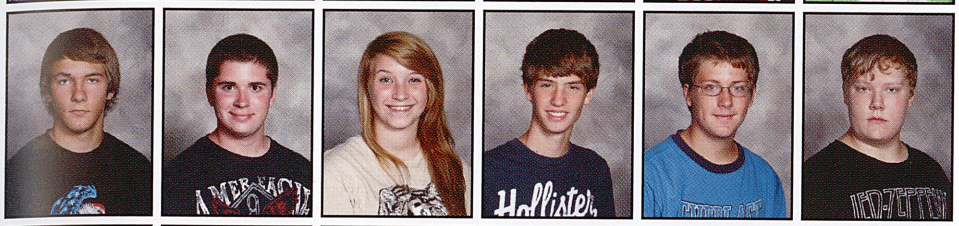

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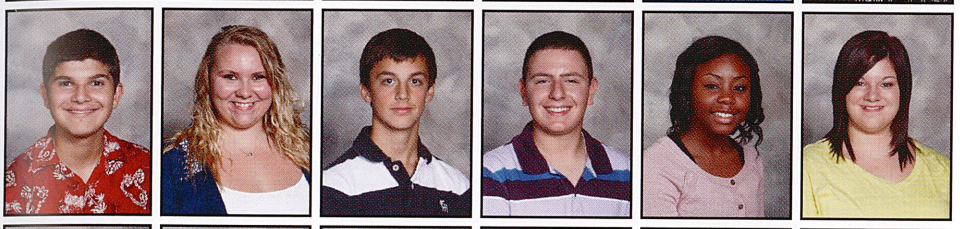

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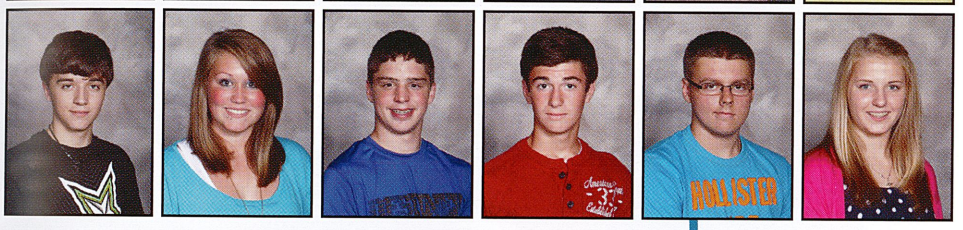


Jeffrey Fondrk
Lucille Fondrk
Bryen Fouse
Christian Fox
Hunter Foy
Abigail Frech

stumbling blocks

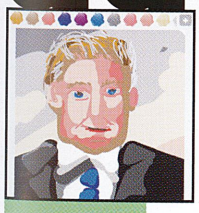
Brianna Pearson [9]

I moved here to Kiski from my old school district. I had been going to my old school since I was in kindergarten. I had friends and I was surrounded by people I had known for years. It was just really hard to move, and I was so mad. To tell the truth, I never really felt a part of Kiski. I didn't grow up here or play any sports, so why should I, right? I felt like this for about two years, and then it all changed. I decided to go to my first high school football game, the first one of the season. The school spirit I saw on everyone's faces was amazing...so amazing!

Nick Hauber [9]

The most difficult time in my life was when my mother, my father, and my two aunts passed from this world. My mom died of a heart attack on May 9th, 2012. My father's death was now confirmed as a suicide in May of 2008. My aunt in PA died of a heart attack in her sleep on an unknown date. My other aunt had died of a possible heart attack, also on an unknown date. I would like to thank my friends: Shawn Sarel, Jared Rose, Joshua Jones, and Dennis Barnaby for helping me get through this.

addicted to it



Julianna Joyce

"I just love to play *Draw Something*. I get to show my creativity and use my imagination to express how I feel. I normally play with some of my closer friends and my family. I have a hard time beating my brother. He's an amazing drawer and that definitely helps him."

Daniel Hill

"*Fruit Ninja* makes the time pass quickly and takes everything off of my mind. I've actually made it to beyond 560 pieces in one game. I hate it when why I'm so high up and I hit a bomb by mistake. I like to play it when I'm extremely bored. It's kind of mindless, but that's the point."

Gillian Debick

"I really like the game *Where's My Water* because it's challenging, but fun at the same time. I hate it when the green slime get's mixed in with the water. It ends the game and you have to start it all over again. I like that it's sort of like a puzzle to solve."

Jenna Trybus

"I find *Solitaire* very addicting. I can't stop playing it. Of all the types to play, I really like playing the regular one where you have to put red cards on top of black ones and vice versa. I hate it when you get down to about three cards and they're in the wrong order. I could scream."

Katie Perroz

"I'm always playing *Coaster Madness*. You get to ride in the roller coasters, collect money, and then buy other roller coasters. It's a lot like *Temple Run*, but with roller coasters. There are breaks in the track and you have to jump over them or you will lose a life."

What techie game do you have to play every day?

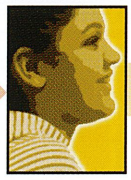
"When there's a lot of drama, I try to block it all out and avoid it."
Noel Wilson [9]

bizarre bonds

Staff links freshmen in surprising string

Alex Paes

Both have never broken a bone



Kara Burke

Both fear riding on an elevator

Daezauna Taylor

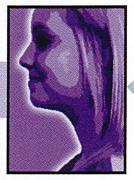
Both have owned a Super Nintendo

CJ Thomas

Both can't stand snakes

Erin Tansimore

Both snow-board



Rylee O'Hara

Both have a fear of closed in spaces

Shawn Sabot

Both have had an operation in the past

Lexi Trkula

Both have been on a cruise

Hannah Strickengloss

Both suffer from ophidio-phobia

Kasey Stewart

Both can roll our tongues

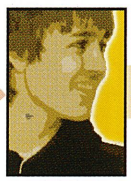
Shirley Summerhill

Both are double-jointed

Jack Rottschaeffer

Christian Barker

Both have enjoyed water-tubing



Tyler Harthill

Both work out regularly

Alex Rainey

Both own and use a laptop daily

Shawn VanHorn

Both have rock-climbed in the past

Matt McCullough

Both utilize Sprint as their cell phone carrier

Ethan Hannay

Both have played for KASL

Kristen Beaufort

Both have a big fear of heights

Alyssa Felt

Both claim Batman as our favorite super-hero

Katie Perroz

Mikayla Fuehrer
Devin Gallo
Tyler Galo

Codi Gault
Emily Gaydeski
Zachary Geiselhart

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Lily Gongaware
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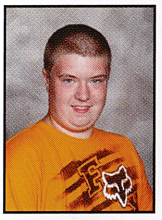

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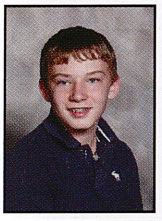
Kevin Gress



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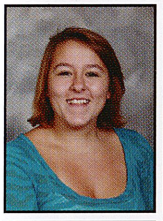
Dakota Gros
Matt Guyer



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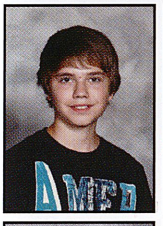

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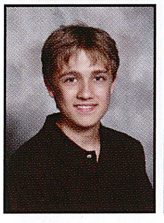

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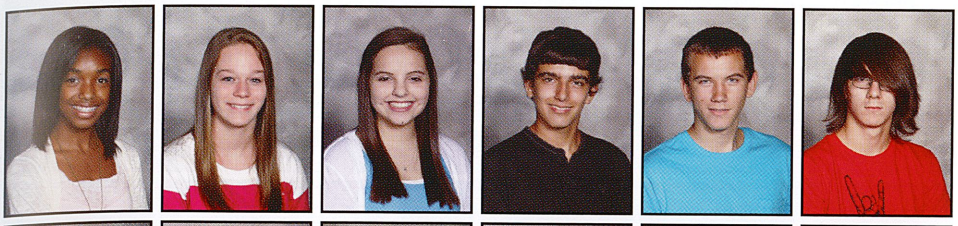

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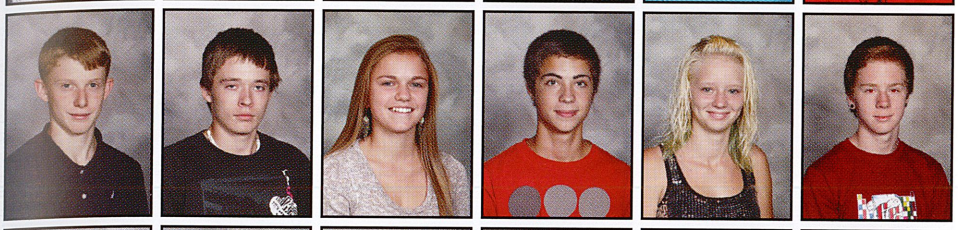

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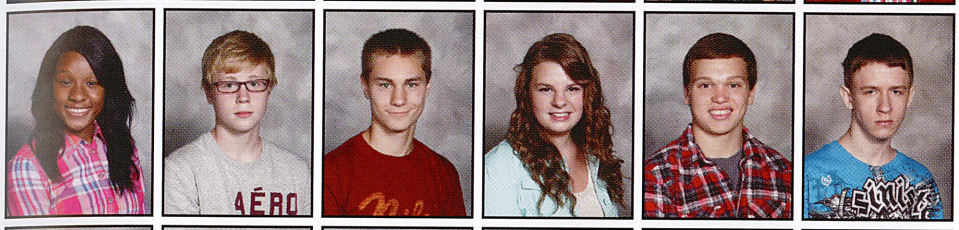

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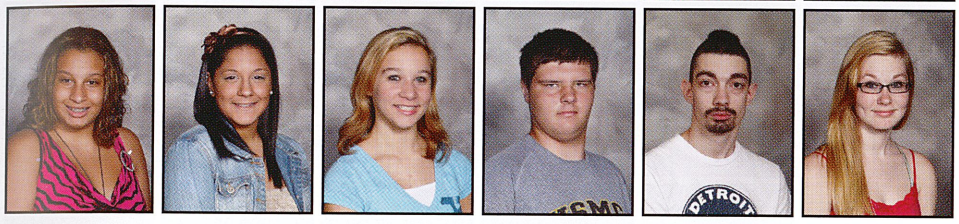


McKenzi Johnson
Shalynn Johnson
Julianna Joyce
Ethan Joyner
Jason Keltz
Karen Keltz

photo: *k. aller* [9]

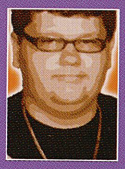
Calm before the storm...

Just prior to the start of the home cross country meet held on September 12, Lindsey Caldwell [9] stretches out. Caldwell said, "Little did we know that about 10 minutes later, the skies would open up and dump Lake Michigan on us. It was unbelievable." The home team won the meet against the Fox Chapel Foxes.

avoid the roadblock

"When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on."
Kristy Lang [9]

stumbling blocks



Christian Cramer [9]

One of the hardest things that I have faced in my life up to date was dealing with my great grandma's death. Dealing with her death was very hard and I didn't think I could ever overcome it. I was hopeless and I couldn't see myself gaining any hope. Then, I got some closure and hope after talking to my grandma. My grandma told me that even if someone passes on that you loved, they will still have a place in your heart. I learned so much from my great grandmother's passing and it has made me the person I am today.

Lilly Shupe [9]

Once, during first period, I was walking up the stairs in the atrium with hot chocolate in my hands. I had an off-white dress on. I tripped and started to drop the drink. I had to quickly decide whether I wanted my hot cocoa or a clean dress. I spilled it all over the floor. I had to clean it all up. Luckily, for the rest of the day, I looked really nice. I just walked back to the coffee shop and bought some more hot chocolate. It tasted great after all of the hardships that I experienced that day.

"I look like a small kid. To appear taller, I have to stand on blocks."
Parker Steele [9]

1 on 1

with Ty Travaglia

What do you hope to make of yourself in life? Do you aspire to make a lot of money? One freshman certainly does. Ty Travaglia has learned from his parents and even started his own business, on the heels of their expertise.

what is the basic nature of your business?

"It is a company based on health and nutrition. They provide products of liquid vitamins. It's a shared business that pays people to drink and share their products."

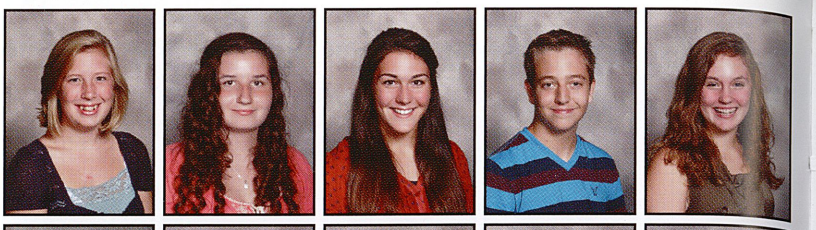
who or what made you interested?

"My parents have been in the business for two years. I've used the product since then. I realized how much money my parents were making and I figured that I could be doing the same."

in the company, what can you eventually make of yourself?

"Throughout the process of rank advancements, your income increases. The more you share, the more you earn. My goal is to own a BMW by the age of 16."

Heather Kenzevich
Torie Kiebler
Kelsey Kinnamon
Tanner Knapp
Emily Knell



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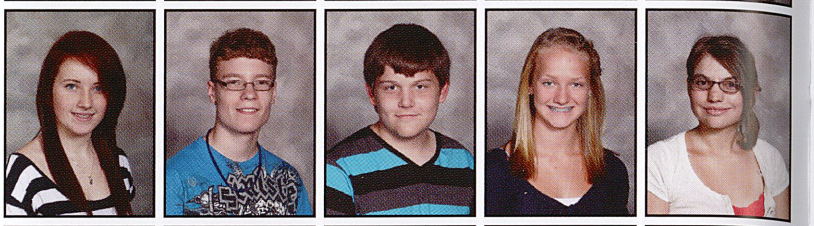

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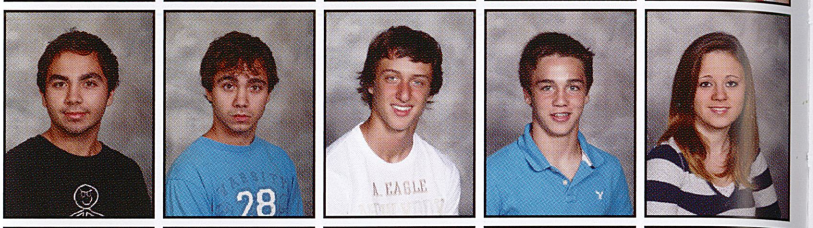
Jordan Laero
Kristy Lang



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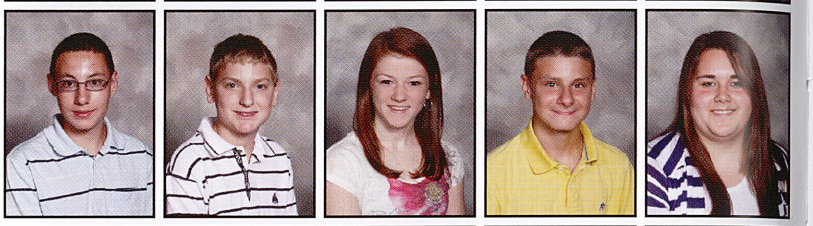

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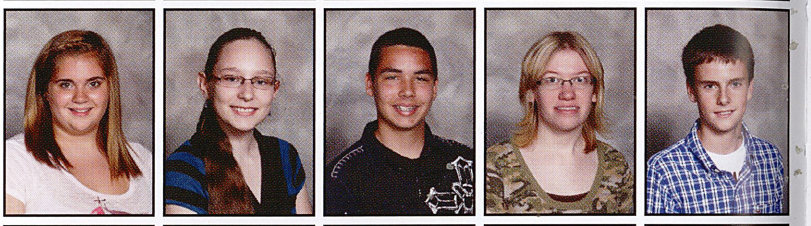

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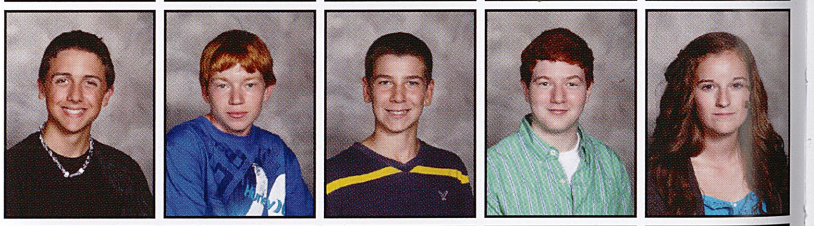

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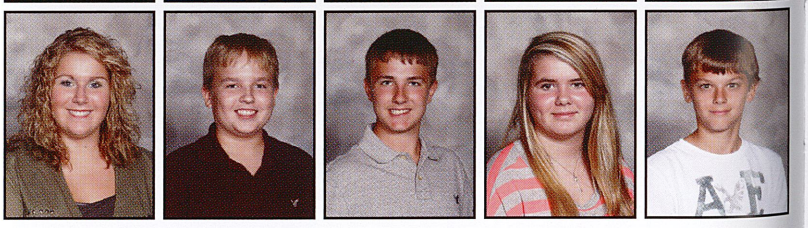
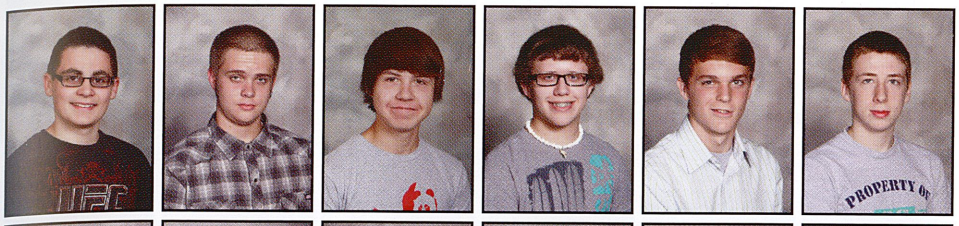


1) At the Boyce Skate Park, Andrew Steele [9] attempts a *front-side 180.* 2) In Greensburg Plaza at Peach Skate Park, Merritt Hohman [9] executes an *ollie.* 3) Jake Mayo [9] performs a *no comply* at Boyce Skate Park.

make the jump



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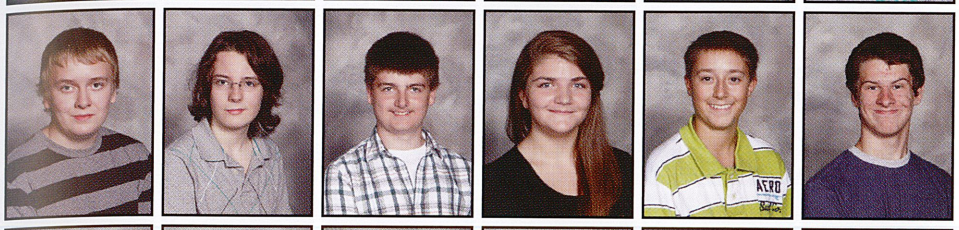

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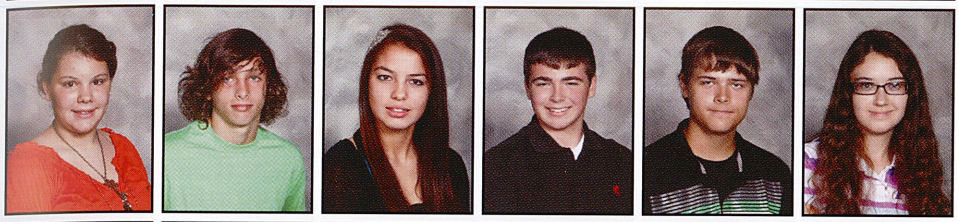

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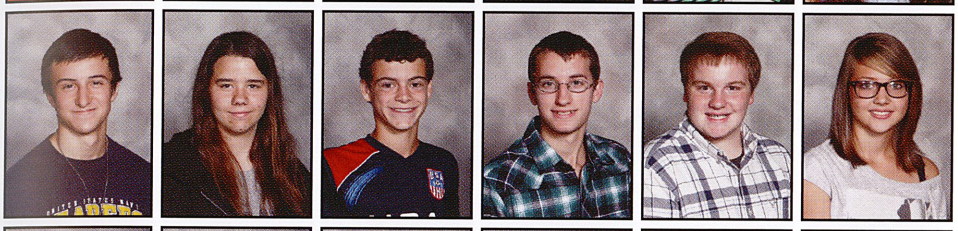

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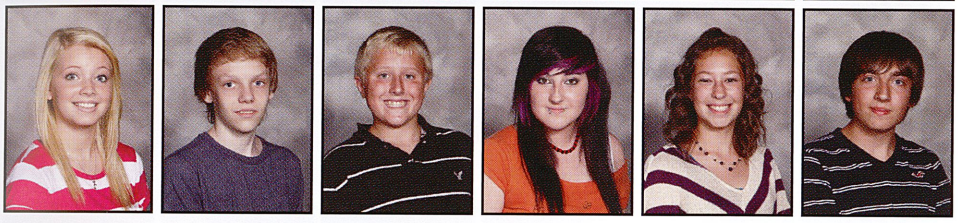


Rylee O'Hara
Tyler Olah
Kyle Orris
Alexandra Pablo
Alexandra Paes
Iann Pavlovic

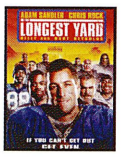
photo: *c. terrill* [9]

You lift me up...

In his third period Robotics class with Mr. Ridgeway [fac.], Jacob Nelson [9] builds a robot. Nelson said, "We had to build a robot that could lift a block. It's more difficult than it sounds." Ridgeway assigned partners for the project.

goin' old school

"*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory...I just love the music in it.*"
Dayne Auden [9]



"*The Longest Yard...It's such a classic football movie. I love it.*
Ty Travaglia [9]

Best remake of a classic movie

"*Alice in Wonderland... Be careful that you don't fall in a rabbit's hole.*"
Alex Paes [9]

"*Alice in Wonderland... There are so many secret meanings.*"
Sami Engler [9]

"One of my favorite childhood toys were the blocks that I got from Mr. Rogers."
Andrew Stimmell [9]

stumbling blocks

Caleigh Anderson [9]

In 2010, my dad and I were in a serious car accident. We were going up to his camp for the end of deer season. I was doing my math homework and when I looked up, what I saw was about to change my life forever. A truck hit our Explorer. My dad's leg was broken and I was left with memories that changed my life. I am glad that nothing worse happened. The worst part about the crash was that the driver never took responsibility for his actions. (If only I would have taken a few seconds longer to get out of the door.)

Harley Rome [9]

The most difficult time in my life was when my great grandmother died. We were so close, and her death was hard on me. She always knew what to say when you were upset or in trouble. No matter what, she was always honest. She always had so many stories to tell me, and I loved hearing all of them. My best friend, Alexis Dora, and my boyfriend, Carson, are always here for me. I'm so grateful to have them in my life, or I don't know where I'd be without them. Alexis is the best friend I could have asked for and Carson is the best boyfriend ever.

master teaching

Which teacher at the school truly has a talent for teaching?

"Ms. Brine is a really good teacher because she's really descriptive."

Jessica Ray (9)

"*Mr. Fantaski is a good teacher because he explains things well.*"

Josie Mains (9)

"I've learned a lot from Mr. Voytek. He's a great teacher."

Justin McGraw (9)

"**Mr. Lemmon is a great teacher because he goes out of his way to make sure you learn.**"

Lincoln Clayton (9)

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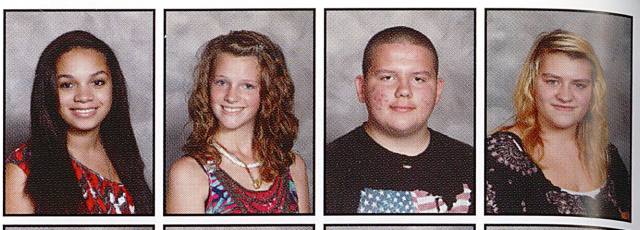

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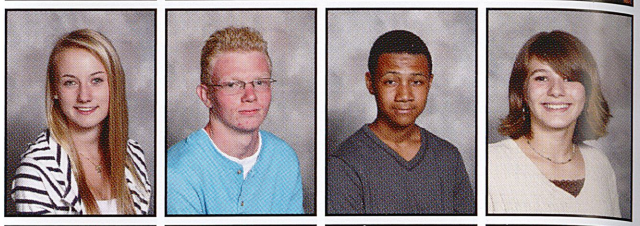

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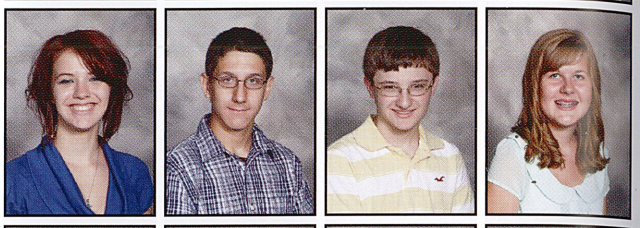

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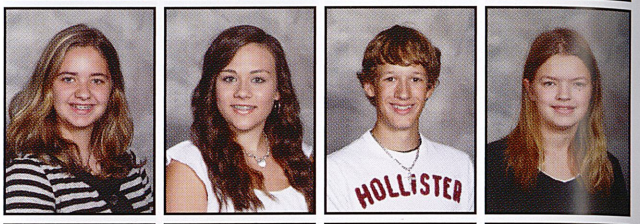

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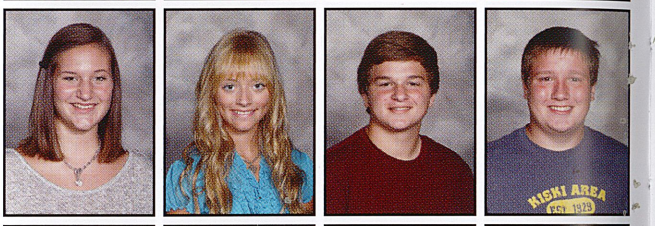

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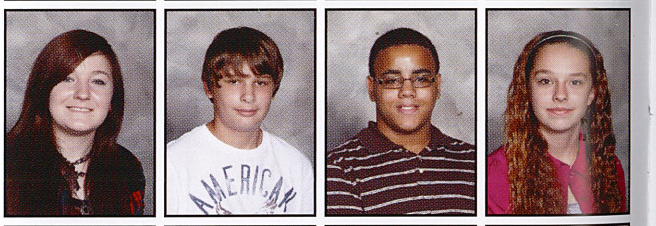

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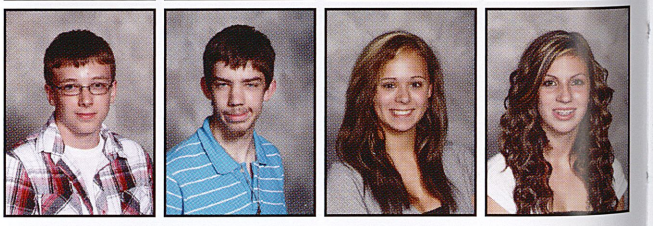


avoid the roadblock

"Never let your talents go unnoticed. Use them to your best abilities."

Jenna Trybus [9]

look what I can do...

horn

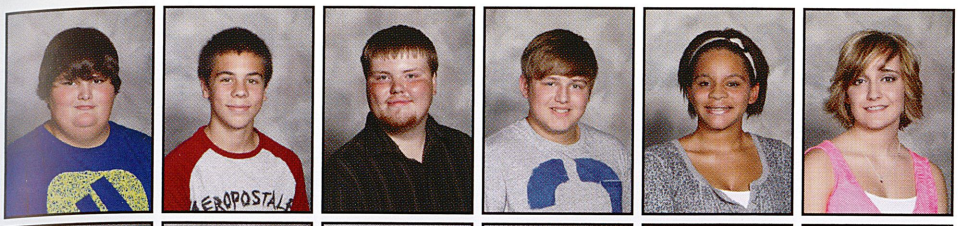
"I started playing the French Horn with Mr. Priori in sixth grade. *Mozart's First Concerto* was hard."

Jake Murray

crocheting

"I learned from my grandma years ago. The hardest part is figuring out where you left off each time."

Abigail Schiebel



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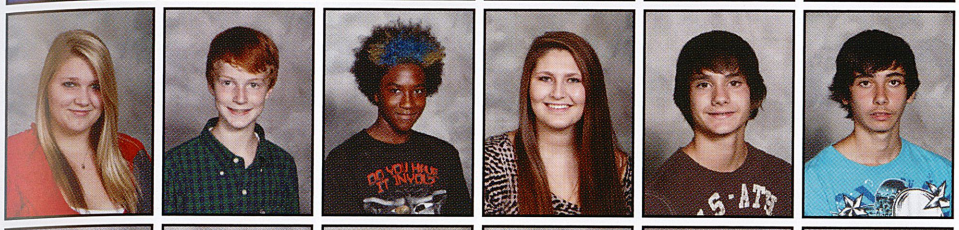

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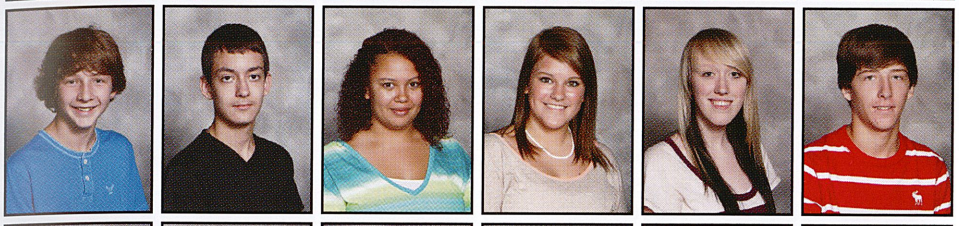

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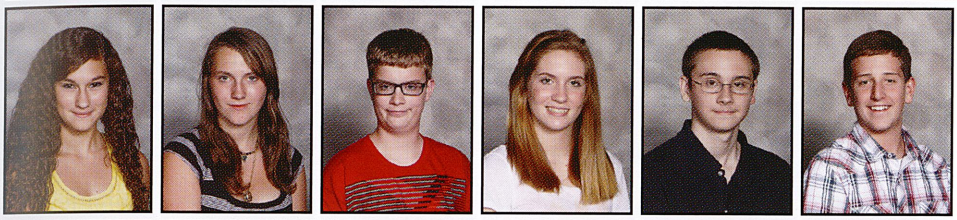

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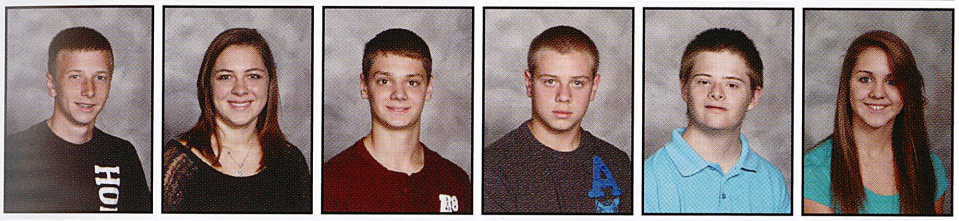

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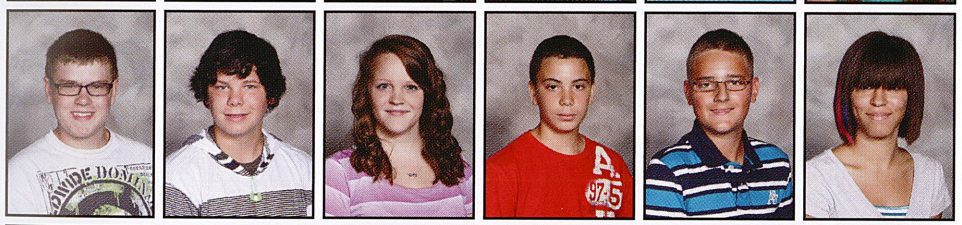

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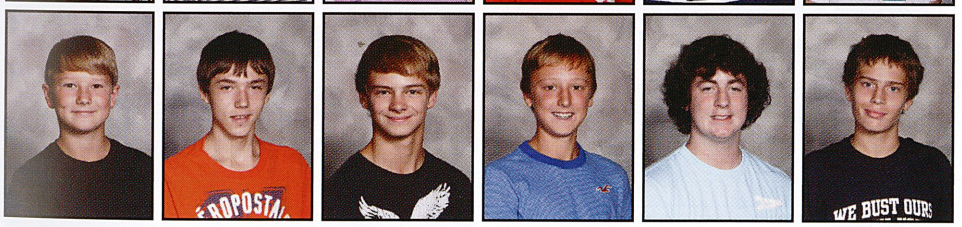

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Garrett Stadler

stumbling blocks

Mckenzie Fitch [9]

At first, I thought it would be easy to keep my grades up during marching band season. Let me tell you, it's not. I had to stay up until midnight studying, and right after school, I went home and immediately did my homework. I never had free time. It was really hard to concentrate late at night after practice, but I did it with the help of my dad. He was the one to help me pass my classes. He stayed up with me and quizzed me before tests. He helped me with homework and was always willing to help me, no matter what.

Eric Majersky [9]

A tough time in my life was so far was seeing my cousin's dog die and having to carry it toward where he was going to be buried. It was so hard to look at that dog, just after playing with him about ten minutes beforehand. My cousin's dog, Max, was killed by a car. The driver didn't even stop after he/she hit him. It was hard to see my cousin's expression when he found the dog lying there on the side of the street. Max wasn't bleeding though, which was pretty weird. He probably had a broken neck, though. Still, I had to get over it.

swimming

"This year, I made Junior Nationals in Tennessee on my relay team with the FC Killer Whales."
Paris Krug

trapping

"Trapping is a very time consuming process. Still, making a clean catch is worth the time and effort."
Ty Travaglia

gymnastics

"I train at *Ultimate Gymnastics*. Beam is my least favorite event while floor is my favorite one."
Kristen Beaufort

softball

"It just seems like softball has been in my life since I was very little. I started and never stopped."
Kelsey Kinnamon

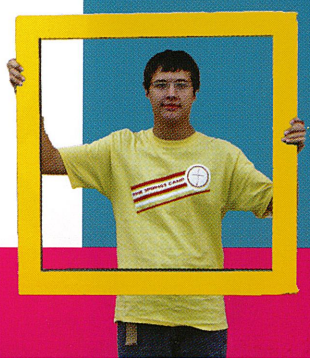
flexibility

"In a moment of boredom, I tried to put my legs behind my head. Now, I do it for the good laughs."
Nate Coleman

photos

"I've just always been good with a camera. I love looking for different ways to make a shot special."
Cassitty Terrill

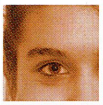
"During marching band, I have to block out looking at videos and think of the music."
Dayne Auden [9]



We are all allergic to bee stings

Chad Kuhn [9]

Noel Wilson [9]

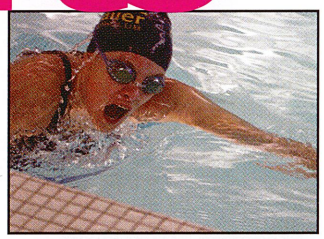

Marlie Tipton [9]

Harley Rome [9]

oh sports

Up for air...

At the December 13 practice, Rebecca Cline [9] grabs a breath while she practices her freestyle. Cline said, "Swimming is a lot harder than people think it is. You have to use every muscle in your body." She recognized the breast stroke as her favorite event.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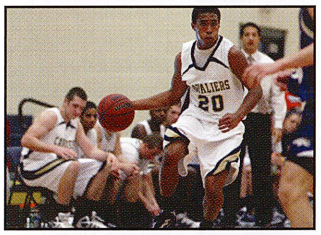
No horsing around...

Against the Plum Mustangs, on December 11, small forward Lincoln Clayton [9] drives up court for two. Clayton said, "You really have to stay in shape to play basketball. Endurance is key." He played football in the fall and competed on the track team in the springtime.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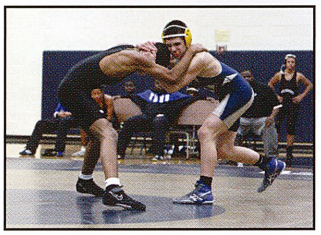
four score score...

On 12/12/12, Jake York [9] goes for the take down on his Woodland Hills opponent. "Coach always told us that we have to put our hearts into every match," said York. He won the match and the home team won the night with a shutout score of 80-0.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Jared Bumbarger
Cory Carlson
Breonna Cawley
Christopher Domiano
Brittany Foeks
Bryan Harkleroad
Kathleen Helzel
Tyler Hoover
Jeremy Imm
Dylan Koedel
Cory Lander
Jeremiah Mehal
Raven Mills
Todd O'Neil
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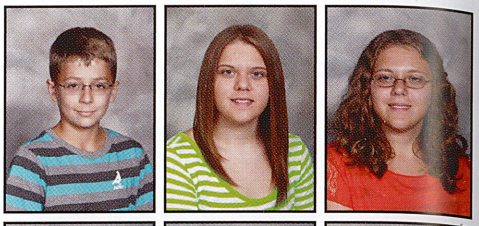

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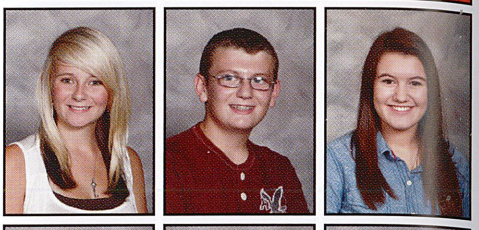

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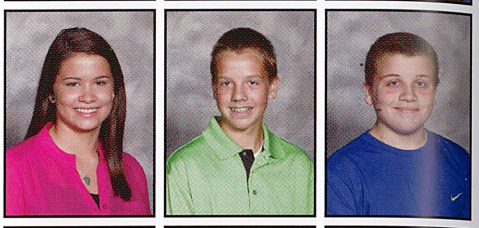

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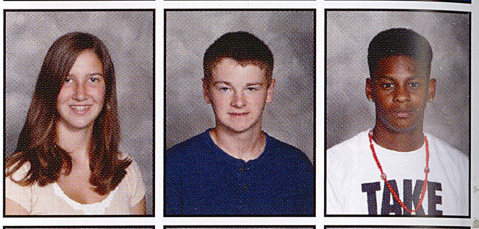

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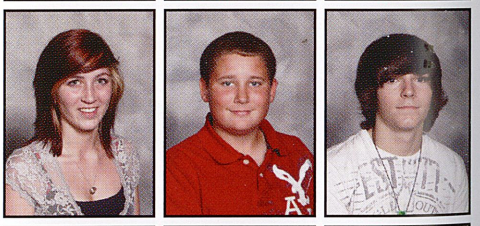

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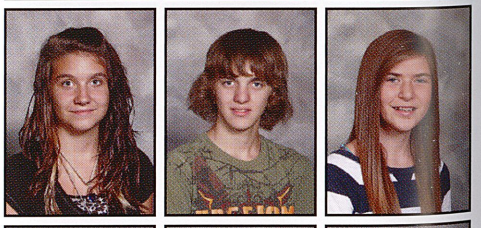

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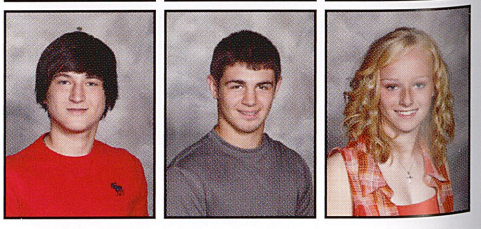

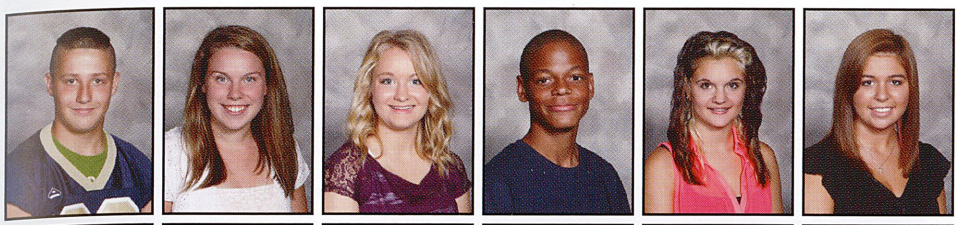

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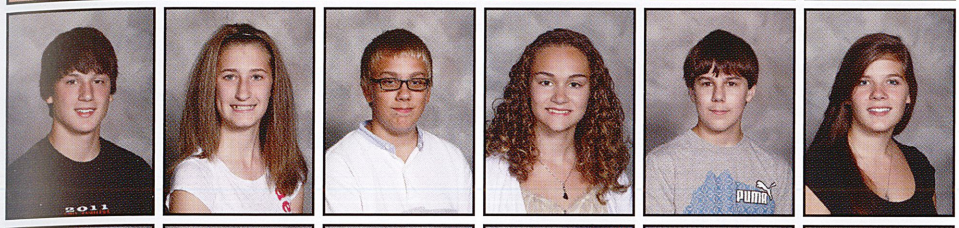

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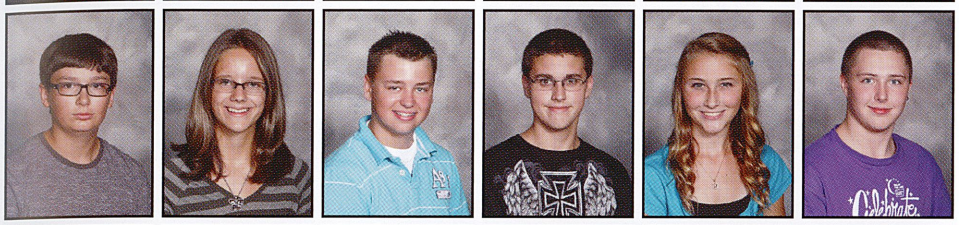

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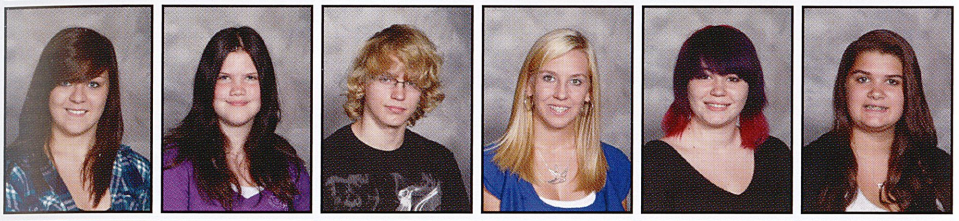

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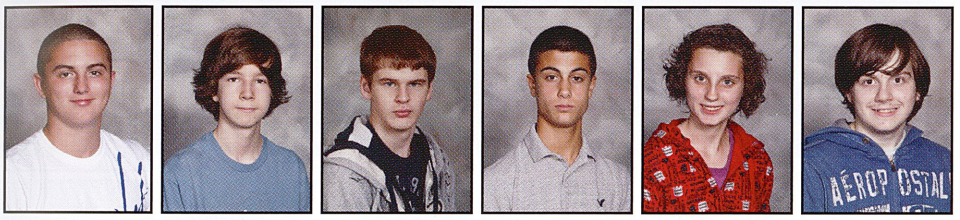

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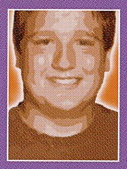

Dalton Prew [9]

The most difficult time in my life was when I lost my football position. This was difficult because I really enjoy playing football and it made me upset when I had to stand on the sidelines. I went to football practice the next day and I played my heart out on the field for another position. Still, the following day at practice, I ended up playing offensive tackle. I had my heart set on playing defense. Even after practicing very hard, I still didn't end up on defense. Finally, I started to lift to gain strength. Eventually, coach put me on defense.

Jeff Fendrich [9]

In my life, I have had many tough times. My most difficult time, when I made a bad choice, was when I lost a really good friend. We had actually been dating for three months. Then, one night, I gave her something that one of my exes gave back to me. About a week or two after we had broken up, she found out and our friendship was over. I tried a ton of things to make up for it and get our friendship back, but to this day, it still hasn't changed and it really sucks. Don't reuse old gifts for your boyfriend or girlfriend.

in the fridge

	What's the strangest thing you ever ate cold for breakfast?	What drink in your fridge do you go to for a boost?
Jordan Weaver [9]	I have been known to eat spaghetti from the night before for breakfast. I'm too lazy to heat it back up.	When I need a pick up, I usually grab a Red Bull. We always have them in the refrigerator at home.
Jake Satterfield [9]	If we have leftover chicken wings, I'm all over that.	Nothing is better than an ice cold Mountain Dew when you need a boost.
Jared Mountan [9]	I once ate dried cuddlefish that my father brought back from Korea. It was okay and sort of tasted like potato chips.	I'm a Pepsi guy. When I need a pick-me-up, I'll grab a Pepsi.
Kyle Orris [9]	I love leftover Potato Patch fries from Kennywood. I usually smother them in cheese first.	I have to have my Monster drink. It always does the trick for me.

"I got a mental block when thinking of what to say for this quote."
Lindsey Caldwell [9]

1 on 1 with Mr. Voytek

Beyond his teaching talents, one instructor made a commitment long ago to do what he could to improve the lives of others. With the longest hair as a male teacher at the school, Mr. Voytek continually grew his hair for a greater purpose... because he could donate it to others.

where did you go to donate your hair?

"I went to *Terry's Place* in Delmont. It takes me about two years to grow it to about 10 to 12 inches. This is the fourth time I've done it."

back in the day, did you always sport long hair?

"Yes, it was the style... back in the day. It wasn't just a rocker look or anything. I just have always liked growing my hair long."

why do you continue to support the cause?

"It is such a good cause. I hope to continue to donate for a couple of more years. Also, I really encourage people to donate, as well. The donations provide for free wigs for kids going through chemotherapy and there's no greater feeling than knowing you helped them out in a small way."

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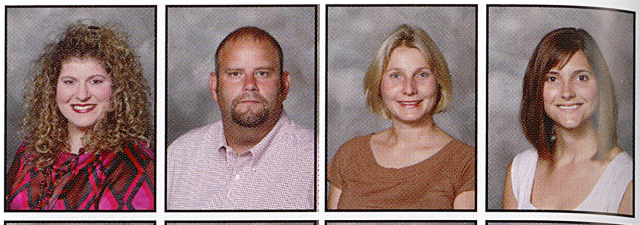

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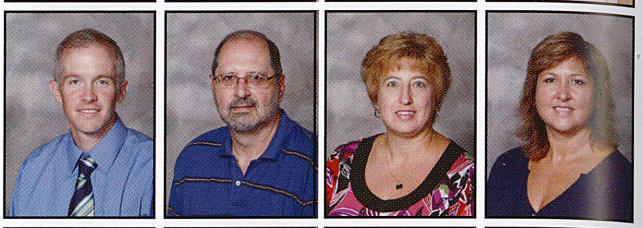

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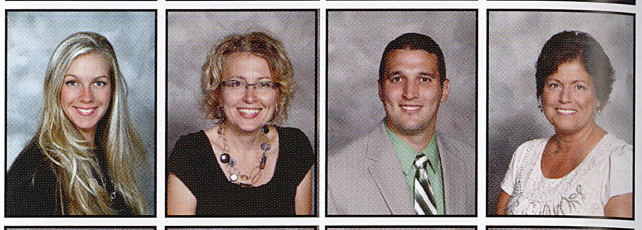

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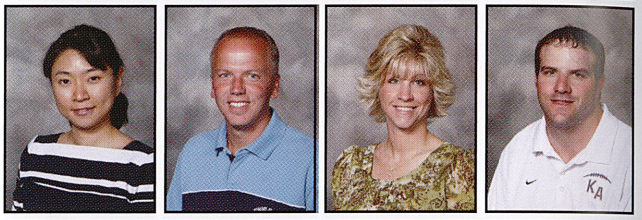

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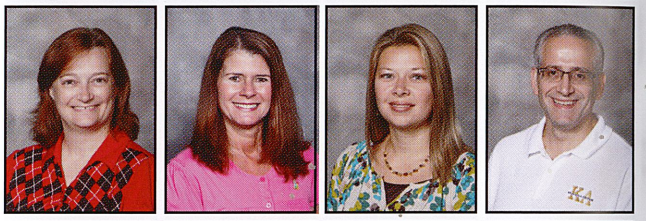

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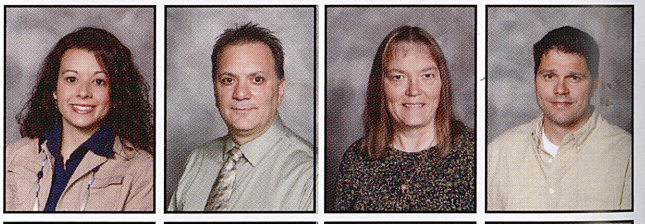
Honors Physics/Physics

Mrs. Diane Donati
Special Education Aide

Mr. Damon Dosch
Astronomy/Earth & Space Science



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Mrs. Julie Fabrizi
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Mr. Paul Fantaski
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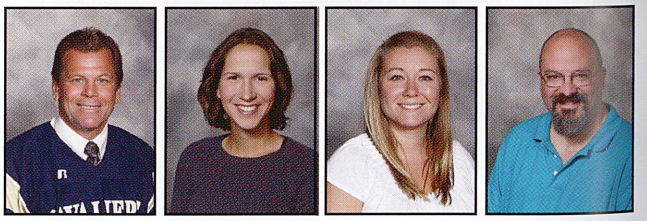


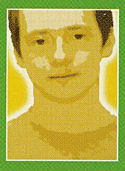
nhs students vs faculty volleyball game

1) Mr. Smith [fac.] awaits the start of the volleyball game during the NHS assembly. 2) Mrs. Flick [fac.] stares down her fellow student competition. 3) Before the start of the game, Mr. Bruno [fac.] talks to other teammates about strategies.

stumbling blocks

Colleen Neely [12]

The most difficult thing I have had to get over was during my junior year when I got involved with the wrong crowd. It may not seem as bad to some, but for me, it was horrible. There was so much anger and so much hatred. On top of that, there was a lot of drugs and alcohol. I almost lost myself in the mix up and I almost lost my life. But, I saw who I was becoming and had to separate myself from those types of problems. I got out before it was too late. I now know that I'm strong enough to overcome anything that comes my way.



Brendyn Smithey [12]

A couple of years ago, I decided to try to walk out on the river when it was frozen. I inched my way further away from the land. The next thing I knew, the ice broke and I fell straight down. It was deeper than I thought and the current started to take me. At the last minute, my friend Brett, ran out from the shore and grabbed my arm. He pulled me up and dragged me back up onto the ice. I was safe, but soaking wet and freezing. I went to the closest person's house that I knew. They gave me new clothes to wear.

photo: *p. fantaski* [fac.]

Service with a smile...

Just before school started, Mr. Gonnella [prin.] helps to prepare a luncheon feast for his faculty. Gonnella said, "I don't know why we always have burgers and dogs. Where's the lasagna, pasta fagioli, and cannolis?" Principal Roland and Principals Lohr and Smith from the intermediate school also showed off their grilling skills for the event. Still, the high school secretaries organized the menu and arranged to bring in all of the food.

photo: *p. fantaski* [fac.]

Carole of the bells...

To answer a parent's question about attendance, Mrs. Patterson [fac.] checks her records on the computer. "Attendance at the school is a huge responsibility that involves every faculty member," Patterson said. She also served as the high school's financial secretary.

goin' old school

"*Nobody could change quicker in a filing cabinet than Hong Kong Phooey.*" *Mr. Swanson* [fac.]

"*Mickey Mouse is just so cute. He's timeless and lets everyone be kids at heart.*" *Mrs. Gibson* [fac.]

Best Saturday morning cartoon ever...

"*Looney Tunes was hilarious and revolved around so many different characters.*" *Ms. Walt* [fac.]

"*Mighty Mouse was one of my favorites because he was mighty.*" *Mr. Pugliese* [fac.]

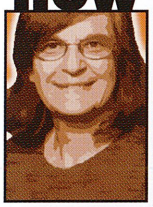
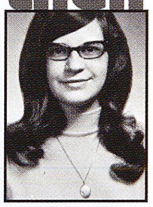
"On your mark, set, bang! I can still feel the adrenaline rush from block starts in college track and field." Mrs. Rolling [fac.]

every now and then...

Teachers reflect on changes

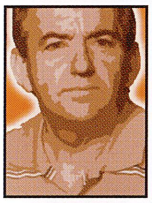
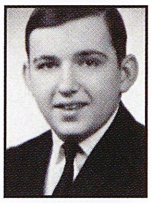
now **then**

"I remember when calculators were unheard of. You memorized the multiplication tables and relied on a slide rule for extra help. Today, with all our latest technology, all you have to do is press buttons."
Mrs. Kettering [1972 grad.]

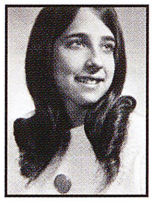
"A major difference for me was the dress code. When I was a student here, girls were not allowed to wear pants, ever. Also, guys were not even allowed to wear blue jeans."
Mrs. Manganello [1969 grad.]

"The biggest change, for me, was when the ninth grade joined the high school back in 1986. I remember that the teachers who were used to teaching in a middle school setting really had to adjust."
Mr. Schaeffer [1969 grad.]

"The biggest change for me is the structure of the school both physically and culturally. I miss the courtyard, but love the look of the atrium. I still forget which gym is A and which gym is B."
Mrs. Gibson [1977 grad.]

"School spirit ran extremely high from the sixties to the seventies. The first year for the football team to win the WPIAL was in the 1971-1972 school year. We actually could wear jeans for one day."
Mrs. Haney [1972 grad.]



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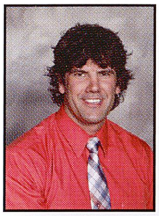
Ms. Monica Filippone
Gifted Coor./Freshman Seminar/Intro to Theatre



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Mrs. Debbie Gamble
High School Secretary

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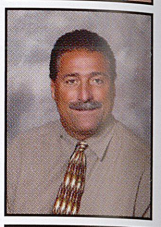
Basic Computer Applications
Mr. Anthony Gonnella
High School Assistant Principal



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Bio-Chem I
Mr. John Guzzie
US History II/Principles of Baking-Pastry

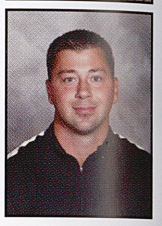


photo: *j. herstek* [12]

Sound advice...

In his seventh period Advanced Transportation class, Mr. Heater [fac.] helps Ryan Kanner [11] with his rubber band powered race car project. Heater said, "The assignment taught the students basic machine and construction processes." Students in Mr. Heater's classes also made rockets.

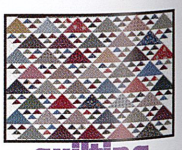
"Everyone thinks of changing the world, but noone thinks of changing himself."
Troy Glendenning [12]

avoid the roadblock

look what I can do...

singing

"I sang in my high school chorus, and I sing all the time at church. I just sang in a Christmas parade."
Mrs. Wein



quilting

"I have quilted for about ten years. My mom always sewed and I basically taught myself how to quilt."
Mrs. Patterson

Mrs. Lynnann Hald
Honors Geometry/Geometry

Mrs. Tammy Hampshire
All Choirs and Show Choirs

Mrs. Dianne Haney
PE 9-10-11-12/Lifetime Sports

Mr. Chris Heater
Graphics Design/Adv. Transportation/Trans Tech.

Mr. Chad Heiny
Percussion Ensemble/Band 10-11-12

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Geometry

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Spanish I-II

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Prin. of Baking-Pastry/Cul. Principles/Indep. Living

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Special Education Aide

Mrs. Carole Patterson
Attendance/Financial Secretary

Mrs. Kristen Pavlina
English 10/English 11

Mrs. Kelly Petrilla
Technology/Music Secretary

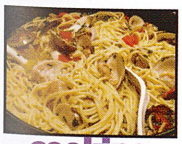
stumbling blocks

Jacob Kevlin [12]

When I was about 14 years old, I learned that my dad had a disease called Huntington's Disease. I did not understand what it was at first. Then, as I got older and did some research, I learned a lot. I realized that I had a 50/50 chance of getting it and that has worried me ever since. I'm really scared to get tested for it. I would explain the disease, but there is too much to talk about. Right now, I'm getting through it because I believe in about 15 years, they will have a cure for it. I'm also pulling through from the support of my friends and family.

Jessi Showalter [12]

In my life, I have a difficult time deciding what I want to do and become. If I should join a sport or try a new hobby, nothing seemed to jump out at me. This period really ripped me apart. Finally, hope seemed to come my way. Teachers and instructors of mine really opened up my eyes to the world. I have picked an amazing activity to be a part of and a hobby that I enjoy. I have also chosen a college and a major. The dark days are now over for me. I'm finally at peace with making those hard decisions in my life. Life is so much better now.



cooking

"I can dance, sing, and cook. I love singing *Oh Maria* while I cook linguine in white clam sauce."
Mr. Gonnella

crocheting

"I can crochet. I make scarves as gifts and for the homeless shelters. I've made many that I wear."
Mrs. Hald

mimicking

"I am great with voices and mimicking people. I can mimic Martin Lawrence and John Wayne best."
Mr. Wilson

parking

"I can parallel park extremely well because I am actually certified to teach driver's ed."
Ms. Rolling

twirling

"I can twirl a baton. I was a majorette in junior high, and I took lessons. I really loved it a lot."
Mrs. Cutone

felines

"I can take any song and make it into a song about hating cats and how dumb they are."
Mr. Swanson

"As secretaries, we have to do 20 things at once. It would be so nice to have a block of time to get something done."
Name Here [13]

U know you're a teacher when...

"You just overheard...*Do you know if you punch someone hard enough in the armpit, they will poop themselves?*"
Mrs. Guzzie [fac.]

"You feel the need to pledge allegiance to the flag when getting out of bed on Saturday morning."
Mr. Jankowski [fac.]

"Somebody asks you if you have any kids and you immediately respond...*yes, 150.*"
Mrs. Eichner [fac.]

"Your worst art students seem to always admire each other's work."
Mr. Jewart [fac.]

"On Saturdays, you keep waiting for bells to ring at 8:41, 9:28, 10:15, 11:02...etc."
Ms. Brine [fac.]

"You ask for rubber stamps and stickers on your birthday and you're over 30 years old."
Mrs. Miller [fac.]

"On the weekends, you find yourself subconsciously dividing up your time into 43 minute increments."
Ms. Rolling [fac.]

"Your entire wardrobe of sweaters has pumpkins, Christmas trees, and snowmen on them."
Mrs. McAfee [fac.]

"A 185 lb., 6 foot tall boy in a football jersey inadvertently says...*Mom, can you come here for a second?*"
Mrs. Bono [fac.]

"You jump for joy when there's a two-hour-delay."
Ms. Varano [fac.]

Mr. Shawn Pityk
Marching Band/Band 10-12/Music Theory/Jazz Band

Mrs. Lindsey Katora-Pityk
Academic Literacy/English 12

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Pre-Calculus/Calculus/Department Head

Mrs. Melissa Ray
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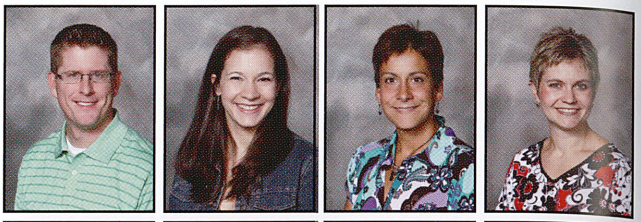

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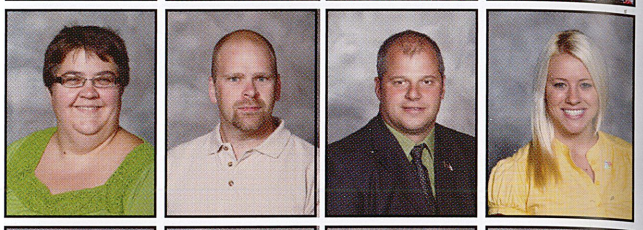

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AP Chemistry/Honors Chemistry/Department Head

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Advanced Word Processing/Department Head

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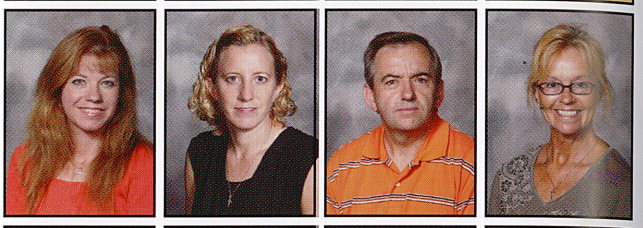

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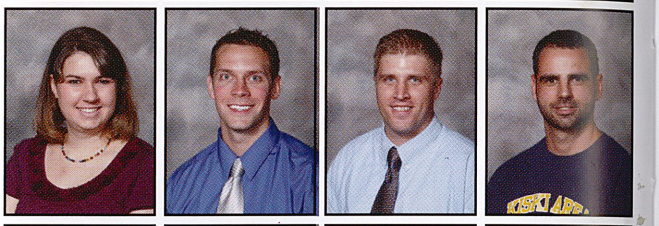

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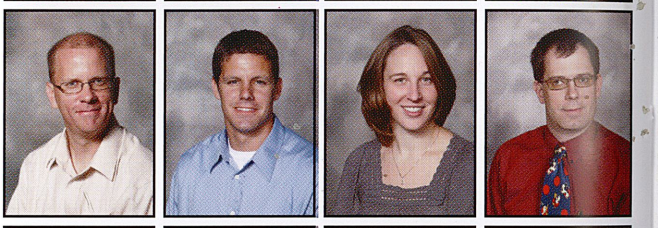
Mr. John Tedorski
Director of Technology Services and Instruction



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Ms. Patricia Uskuraitis
Spanish II/Spanish III

Mrs. Ann Valeski
Webpage Design/Accounting I-II/Multimedia

Ms. Kathleen Varano
Spanish III/Spanish IV/AP Spanish/Department Head

Ms. Christen Volk
English 9/English 10

Mrs. Nicole Wadsworth
Cyber School/Essential Math/Integrated Alg. I

Ms. Suzanne Walt
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Mr. David Williamson
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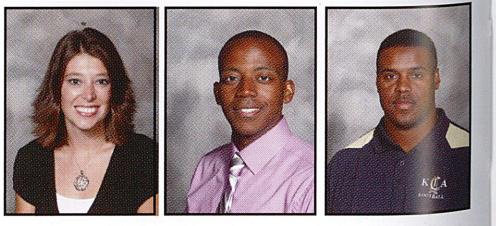

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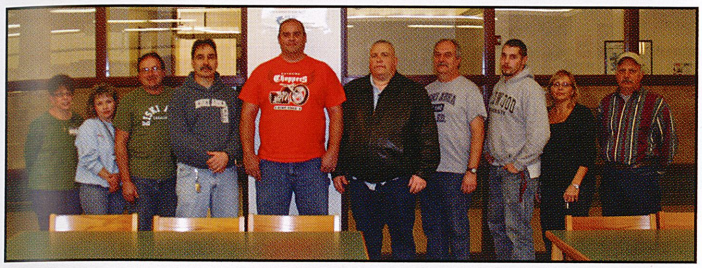
Mr. Ryan Berberich
Mr. Zachary Bruno
Mr. John Cortazzo
Mrs. Sherry DeMao
Ms. Pamela Garcia
Ms. Christen Palmiero
Mr. Francis Pugliese
Ms. Sue Sharp
Ms. Kristen Vetro
Mr. David Voytek

lower cafeteria staff...

Maggie Stadler, Lil Robron, Patty Zanotti, Lisa Cribbs, Barb Durst, Pam Smotzer, Glenna Lubik, Kathy Fabry, Irene Gais, Tracy Goch, Lisa Aughenbaugh, Julie Lewandowski, Mary Ripper, Robin Davis.

upper cafeteria staff...

Diane Masters, Diane Arner, Karen Shepler, Kathy Ferraccio, Joyce Fester, Annie Studt, Chris Russell, Lorrie Bazella.



sweepers and custodians...

Mary Anne Hrivnak, Melody Peterman, Michael Tardivo, Mark Poskus, Michael Williams, Scott Esposito, Ken Fouse, Michael Bell, Cindy Bell, John Young.

school board...

Front Row: Dr. John Meighan, President Keith Bladen, Robert Keibler, Secretary Rebecca Dunmire, Solicitor Ron Repak, Andrews and Beard. *Back Row:* Julie Hansen, James Summerville, Elizabeth Kovach, David Anderson, Anne Marie Nagy, Benjamin Silvestri, Vice President Tammy Small.

stumbling blocks

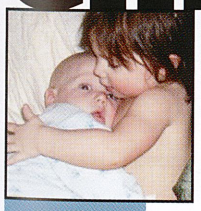
Daniel Resnick [12]

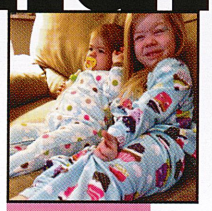
I'm not the type to let people in or to spill my guts to strangers. So, I will not say my predicament, but you'll get the gist. We do stupid things and yes, we get caught. Don't ever think that making rash decisions won't come back to bite you. Still, don't get mad when you're banished from seeing that person or for losing phone privileges for a summer. Sometimes, getting caught gives you a reality check and stops you from making stupid mistakes. You should thank that person and your parents for steering you right. Next time, it could end up a whole lot worse.

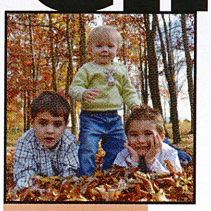
Cody Chambers [12]

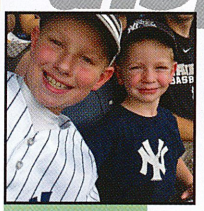
The most difficult time in my life was learning that my grandmother was slowly dying. She was moved to a nursing home to have better care during her last part of life. It was hard to know that my grandmother was dying, but, I did overcome it. To overcome it, I had to think about all of the good times that I had with my grandmother and I knew that she was going to end up in a much better place. I also knew that my family did the best that they could to help her out in those last days of her life. I miss her every single day.

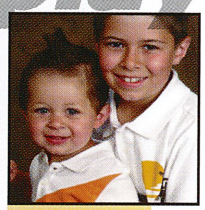
children on display











Teachers show off their own kiddos

The Rolands

"Our wish for you is that you are surrounded by goodness when we are not with you. We hope that the guidance we've given you will help you to make good decisions for both yourselves and others. We wish for you that life doesn't force you to make too much lemonade, because you have the love, the skills, and the goodness to live a fulfilling lives."

Love, *Mom and Dad*

The Pityks

"Watching you play and hearing you laugh are the best parts of our days. We wish we could press the *pause* button on life to truly take in every single moment with you. You are everything to us and we are blessed to have you. We wish for your utmost happiness and will always be your biggest fans! We love you, Special Angels!"

Love, *Mommy & Daddy*

The Shedecors

"God has blessed us with 3 wonderful boys. Jack, Luke, and Max, you are all so special to us. You make us so proud. We have enjoyed watching each of you grow and develop every day. We hope that you find happiness in all that you do. Mommy and Daddy love each of you so much. By the way, all of your grandparents love you, too."

Love, *Dad and Mom*

The Halds

"Derek and Zack, nothing means more to us than having the opportunity to be your parents and to watch you grow up in front of our eyes. We're so proud of all you are and everything that you do. If we had to wish two things for you in life, we'd hope you are at peace with who you are and success at whatever careers you decide to pursue."

Love, *Mom and Dad*

The Deals

"Dawson and Bentley, we're so proud of both of you. It seems like time flies so fast and we just can't believe how much you've both grown. Your dad and I wish you the best in all you do. Always remember that you will always be our little babies. Even when you're both in your thirties, always know that you have a place to call home."

Love, *Mom and Dad*

"Sometimes, something blocks your path to success. Jump over it and move on."
Rachael Winiesky [10]

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6) j. herstek [12]

1) Performing for the Telethon, Shania Poney [10] sings Christmas carols with the KAndescence Show Choir. The group performed multiple times throughout the school year.

2) In October, Anastasia Clayton [11] dresses as a Puritan for bonus points in Ms. Brine's English class. The idea for bonus came from the play, *The Crucible*.

3) In Mr. Heater's fourth period Trans-Tech class, Jordan DeGore [9] sands his car. DeGore and Mike Iacovino [9] typically worked together.

4) Shaylyn Hollobaugh [12] talks with Mrs. Taliani [fac.] about her parachute project. The project tested materials and flight capabilities.

5) At the Spanish Fiesta Dance Celebration in the atrium, Jared DeGore [10] and Dakota Lange [10] partner up to learn traditional dance moves.

6) During the Challenge Program Assembly held in the auditorium, Bill Sarraf [10] makes a paper airplane. The assembly emphasized teamwork.

emics

After spending hours staring at a blank screen, with frequent cursory glances through the usual social medias... and after about six typed words that you managed to connect together in a string of brilliance, you definitely needed a break. Still, a few more minutes of that blinking cursor mocking you meant that writer's block had definitely set in to stay.

Bethany Liska [10] said, "When it comes to writing a paper, getting started is the hardest part. Sometimes, I will even write the body of the paper first and then go back to the introduction afterwards."

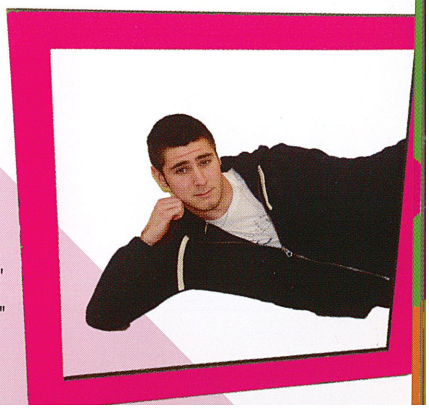
When it came to beating writer's block, one student had another strategy that didn't involve the prompt.

Jack Emmerling [11] said, "There is one thing, and one thing only, that inspires me to finish a paper: Taylor Swift. Her music is the sole reservoir that I tap into to find motivation to keep pressing buttons on the keyboard."

While some preferred the sweet ballads of Taylor Swift, others chose the bass-driven rhymes of rap to jump start their papers and put an end to writer's block.

Kevin Kunkle [11] said, "I have the same approach for getting pumped for hockey games as I do for beating writer's block; I listen to my throwback rap play list."

Always a problem, students found creative ways to overcome the nasty, common bond of writer's block.



"Sometimes, when I least expect it, I get writers' block. I don't know what else to say."
Doug Donatelli [12]

members dish on why they committed

"Even though it's really hard, you feel committed to the program because there's so many lessons to learn from Mr. Heiny. He is a great teacher."

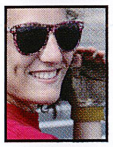
Janey Culp [10]

"I have been in marching band for three years and love to compete. I was not a fan of losing, so it made me more determined in order to win."

Hannah Moore [12]

"Even though marching band and colorguard takes up so much time, I have made so many friends in guard. I wouldn't trade that time for anything."

Lauren Sheaffer [11]



"Marching band has completely changed my life for the better. Having the opportunity to learn from people like Mr. Pityk and Mr. Heiny has been rewarding."

Ashlee Shirey [12]

"I am committed to marching band because it has been my life for the past three years. I could not imagine my life without those people."

Mattie Morgan [11]

"I liked playing music and hanging out with my friends. Also, marching band keeps me in shape, it keeps me active, and it keeps me out of trouble."

Jared Mountan [9]

"I am dedicated to band because music is something that I have always loved. It is unlike anything else at this school. It almost defines me as a person."

Austin Fedyt [11]

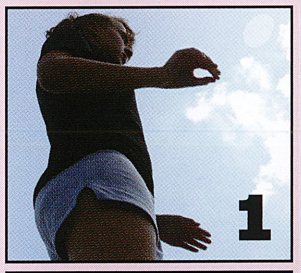
can you feel the beat

1) At the August 21 band camp practice, drum major Laurel Beatty [12] provides the beat for the band.

2) During a September practice, Will Sipe [12] walks back to his set in a rehearsal of the closer.

3) Evan Kovalcik [10], Nick McClelland [11], and Cole Insko [11] perform at the fall bonfire.

4) In front of the crowd at Davis Field on Senior Night, Chris Butcher [10] provides the show's beat.



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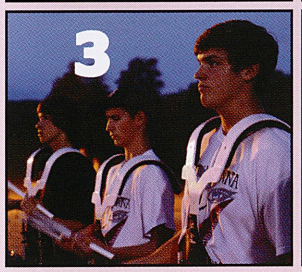

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Tunnel vision...

Lined up for the traditional tunnel at the Homecoming Game, saxophone band members await the signal to start playing. Alto sax player Katie Ludwig [10] said, "The tunnel shows the crowd that the team is excited and ready to give their all." The football players traveled through the aligned band members to open every home game.

chalk it up

marchers leave their marks

story by *j. herstek* [12]

What do a bunch of sweaty marching band members have in common with Mr. Culler's lesson on plotting points on a coordinate plane? The answer is *absolutely everything.*

Known as the *drill,* the formations of the band result from successive individual coordinates on the field for each band member, all dependent on crucial timing moments in the music.

Band director Mr. Pityk said, "From set to set, the students use chalk to mark their positions on the field. Those chalk markings help the kids to learn their spots."

While most members just placed an "X" on their spot, others got more creative in moments of inspiration. These represent some of the drawings that we found.

fisheye

"I am not entirely sure what this is. It looks like a combination of an eye and a fish...kind of scary."
Dana Lisenbigler [9]

pink piggy

"I don't know who drew this, but it seems to look like a bizarre cross between a horse and a pig."
Marissa Wiles [12]

Strut her stuff...

To start the band's *Prima Donna* competition show, Tricia Kohler [12] struts down the red carpet toward the front sideline. On the show topic, Colleen Neely [12] said, "I thought that the concept allowed every girl the opportunity to voice their inner Prima Donnas." The regiment won their class at the BOA Towson Regional on October 27.

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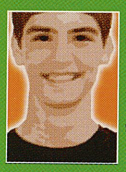
stumbling blocks

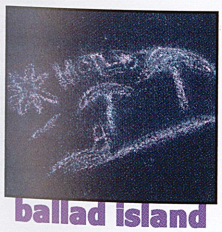


Alec Eshenbaugh [9]

A couple of years ago, I was playing Pokemon on my Gameboy. I was entering the last cave where one of the rarest Pokemon rested. His name was Mewtwo. As I walked up towards this magnificent creature, I knew what I was in store for. I entered the battle. My first Pokemon was the elegant Charzard. My powerful Pokemon weakened him to his last hit point. Then, I had to decide... throw my one and only master ball or throw a great ball. Would I catch him or would he flee? I threw the master ball and ended the game.

Casey Nastca [11]

The most difficult time in my life was when I lost my grandpa. I was always with him as a kid and he was diagnosed with cancer. There were times when I couldn't see him because he was so sick. One night, my dad told me he had passed away. I was so upset and mad because he was gone. I missed four days of school and cried all the time. My whole family was there for each other. My pap was an amazing man, and he was loved by so many people. It was really hard for me to lose him.

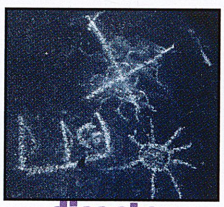


ballad island

"I stand on the ten yard-line all by myself for about 52 counts. The chalk drawing kept me entertained."
Jocelin Herstek [12]

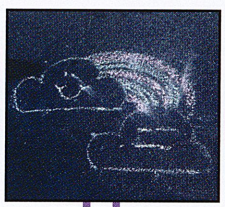
kittie

"I love cats and playing my trumpet. All that I wanted to do at that moment was play music right meow."
Hannah Hohman [12]



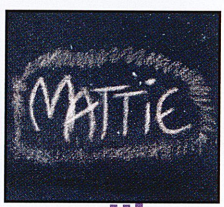
disaster

"Some people just like to waste chalk by drawing weird pictures like this. I would too, though."
Sami Stadler [10]



rainbow

"I was trying to brighten everyone's mood, so I decided to chalk out a rainbow. They're pretty."
Alex Paullet [10]



mattie

"I just drew my name on the parking lot because it got to be really boring just standing there for so long."
Mattie Morgan [11]

"Life involves building blocks. You need a good foundation, or everything will crumble down."
Shannon McAdoo [12]

vital vocabulary

nursing lingo

epistaxis

The word epistaxis is actually the technical term for a nosebleed.

"OMG... I have an epistaxis. What should I do? I suppose I'll lean forward until it stops."

Kyleigh Hill [11]

babesia

A parasitic infection of the red blood cells that infects humans and animals.

"While hunting, Mark contracted babesia from a deer tick since he left too much skin exposed."

Leanna Hans [12]

fontanels

A soft space, covered by membrane between the bones of a young skull.

"I could feel the baby's fontanels because its skull bones haven't formed together yet."

Heather Fazenbaker [11]

photo: *t. gibson* [12]

Easy as pie...

Careful to get it even, Renae Graham [11] rolls out a pie crust for an apple pie. "I've never used a pre-made pie crust that you can buy in the grocery store. I just prefer homemade," Graham said. She recognized Boston Cream as her favorite type of pie.

photo: *h.hohman* [12]

Another brick in the wall...

In the masonry department at tech, Alex Thompson [10] makes sure that his latest brick reads level. Thompson said, "Keeping the wall exactly straight is the hardest thing to do." Students had to not only keep the wall straight, but level, as well.

"the best part of tech is having the chance to get a head start on my future career."

Cheyenne Shellhammer [10]

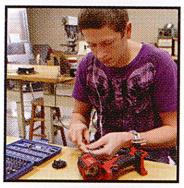
who what where when why

Under pressure...

In the HVAC shop at tech, Chad Retter [11] checks the pressure on the compressor for the packaging unit. Retter said, "You have to check pressure or the equipment will not run efficiently." The Retters owned a business, and he helped his father fix many air conditioners.

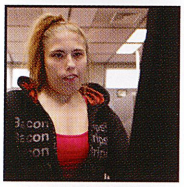
photo: h. hohman [12]

Who: Jonah Booth [12]
What: cutting metal
When: 1:28 PM on 10/15/12
Where: in the machine-tool workshop
Why: to create a usable part out of the metal



Who: Aaron Tobin [12]
What: refurbishing a drill motor
When: 11:56 AM on 10/15/12
Where: in the electronics room
Why: because the motor didn't work

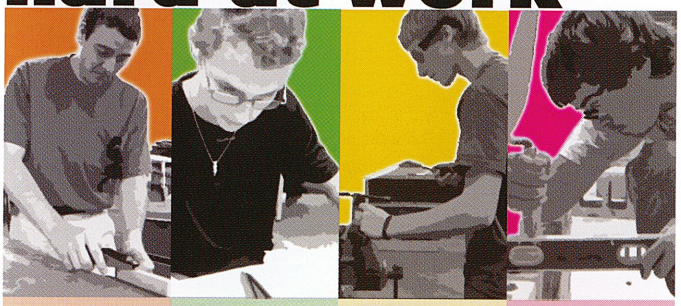
Who: Donald Richardson [10]
What: grinding metal
When: 10:12 AM on 10/15/12
Where: in the welding room
Why: to thoroughly clean the metal



Who: Darrien DeLuca [12]
What: working on an excel spreadsheet
When: 1:22 PM on 10/15/12
Where: in the computer tech room
Why: to prepare for her career

Who: Haley Linsenbigler [11]
What: scrunching hair
When: 9:21 AM on 10/15/12
Where: in the cosmetology room
Why: to give the style more volume

hard at work



In your chosen field, what do you find the most challenging in a good way?

"I think that chiseling is an acquired skill. It's necessary to develop your hand skills. I'm getting better at it."
Tyler Ozarowicz [11]

"Computer technology constantly changes. Sometimes, it's hard to keep up with it all."
Tom Prunty [10]

"I think that electrical circuits are pretty tough. Still, I like a good challenge, so I'm always willing to give it a try."
Davis Clever [10]

"It's really hard because you have to be near perfect in everything. One slight mistake, and you're done."
Dillon Cole [10]

"During my second year of marching band, we did basic blocks to learn how to march."
Katie Erwin [12]

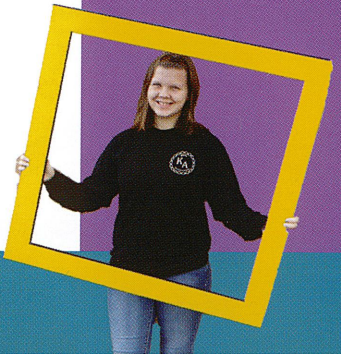
stumbling blocks

Nick McClelland [11]

The hardest event I have ever had to deal with in my life would be the passing of my grandmother. She died about three and a half years ago. I always remembered her being around and was crushed when she passed on. It was even harder since she was living with us at the time of her death. She passed away in my own house. At the time, I didn't know how I was going to deal with her death. I really did not want to talk to anyone and became mad all the time, which was unusual. Eventually, I realized that she had moved on to a better place, and I felt better.

Tanner George [12]

My most difficult time dealt with a class that I had at the high school. For some reason, I suppose I'm just not cut out to speak Spanish. Spanish III was an absolute nightmare for me. It's not like I didn't try. In fact, I did my best at every moment. I studied and studied before each test, but it just seemed like when I thought I did well, I didn't. What I learned is that you have to just keep trying. After all of that hard work, I actually earned a *B* average for the year. Still, take my advise... Spanish III is definitely no joke, people.



fright films

discuss the scariest movie you've ever seen

"I cried when I saw *Mama*; it was utterly terrifying for me."
Cody Delusio [12]

"I couldn't sleep for a week after seeing *One Missed Call*."
Brandon Smail [11]

Scary movies came a dime a dozen, yet how many have actually scared the daylights out of you? The latest horror flick always looked good in the previews, but once you watched the movie, you realized the scariest parts reflected the ones you've already seen in the previews.

"I went to see *Texas Chainsaw Massacre* when I turned 17 because I could finally legally see it. It didn't scare me, but it was the most disgusting movie ever. There was so much blood, and it looked so real," Morgan Kiebler [11] said.

Special effects came a long way since the original *Godzilla* where viewers saw the strings attached to him. Even though the special effects in modern scary movies have improved, the plots have basically remained the same. Writers repeat the same predictable plot for nearly every movie. As shown by the newest *Texas Chainsaw Massacre*, some writers went so far as to remake older movies.

Amber Phillips [11] said, "The remakes are no better than the originals, though."

post the poll

choose the one that you...

fear the most

- **8%** you forgot a 100 pt. assignment at home
- **51%** you just failed your senior year
- **15%** you found out you got that one teacher that you don't like
- **26%** you have to get up and give a full speech in front of the entire school

photo: *r. beatty* [par.]

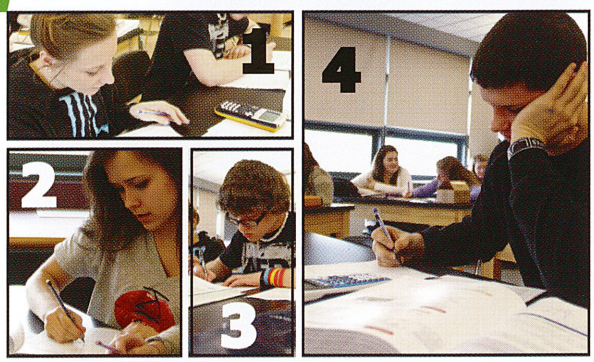
things we did □□□ in Mrs. Calisti's class

1. "Factoring is horrible. You have to complete the entire square. It takes a lot of practice and time."
Lexie Chambers [9]

2. "I do not like factoring because it's confusing, hard, and I'm pretty sure I'll never use it after high school."
Lauren Brosko [10]

3. "Factoring is like taking everything you learned and forgetting it. You pretty much do everything backwards."
Adam McCann [9]

4. "I don't really like to do math, and factoring isn't easy. It takes forever to do because I just forget it all."
Zach Kuta [10]



Don't stand out...

At the home football game against Connellsville, Alayna Korchok [12] and Katie Dunnivan [12] await an impact in the opener of the band's show *Prima Donna*. Pit member Matt Joyce [11] said, "The biggest fear any of us has is playing something big at the wrong time."

Human sculpture...

As an exercise in Miss Filippone's [fac.] Intro to Theater class, students create a fear sculpture. Kaitlyn Gourley [9] said, "We had to envision what scares us most and create levels to display it as a sculpture." The class met for a semester to learn acting basics.

gotta git-r-done

english classes

seniors discuss difficulties in completing final paper

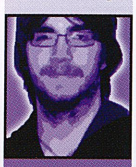
Flaming fingers...

Just after Mrs. Wien [fac.] fills Christina Lytle's hands with bubbles, she lights it on fire. Lytle said, "Ironically, setting our hands on fire was one of the coolest things we did all year." To make the flames, Mrs. Wien used water, dish soap, and methane.

photo: *h. hohman* [12]

"I chose animal experimenting as my topic. It was really hard to narrow down all the information available into a persuasive paper that got my point across. I hated doing all of the citing involved in the paper."

Bailey Neal [12]



"For me, I had a really hard time finding the relevance and motivation to get my paper done. I hated all citing aspects of the book, and the note cards were a huge obstacle for me to overcome."

Dominick Brigaman [12]

"I had a hard time coming up with a topic that I wanted to research. I ended up picking childhood obesity. Of everything involved, I really didn't like doing the note cards; 45 was too many."

Ashlee Smith [12]

"Putting the working bibliography together was like pulling my fingernails off. There were so many different rules for every situation that I didn't know where to start. I also hated citing everything throughout."

Tiffani Gregory [12]

"From the start, the senior paper was difficult. I had a hard time even picking a topic that had enough information available to support my thesis. The worst part was completing the notecards for the project."

Katie Shaffer [12]

photo: *p. fantaski* [fac.]

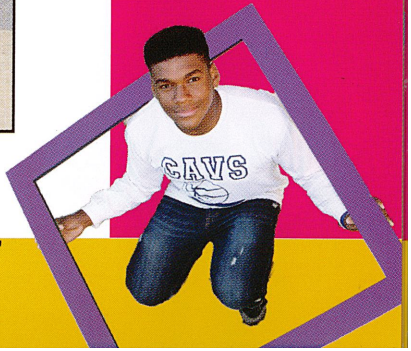
stumbling blocks

Maria Cecchi [10]

One very hard thing that I had to face in the past year was my multiple concussions. I lost a lot of sleep from them, which is terrible since it's one of my favorite things to do. I also loved cheerleading and working out, which I couldn't do either. I loved being home and everything, but when you actually needed to be home doing nothing, it wasn't fun at all. I would like to thank my sister Gina for staying up with me and amusing me when I wasn't allowed to sleep. I would also like to thank my mom for going with me to all of my doctor appointments.

Rosita Webster [10]

The most difficult time in my life was the passing of my grandfather. I was four years old, and my little sister was still a baby. My grandfather passed of a heart attack. He was really young. He wasn't my blood related granddad, but he was like one. We went to his funeral in Colorado because that's where he was born. It was very hard getting through this because I never met my real granddad, and he was there for everything. I got through it with my family and friends. We all moved over to America from England so we could restart our lives.



"The football team is like building blocks."
James Roundtree [11]

math students discuss color choices for project

"For Mr. Fantaski's project, I chose bright colors to make it stand out. I also really like the color orange and I tried to pick other colors that go well with it."

Cole Bauman [12]

"I picked earth tone colors because I really like nature and water. The green is for grass, brown is for trees, orange is for the sun, and blue is for the sky."

Gisela Martinez [12]

"I picked really bright colors because I like to think of my personality as really bright, one that stands out. I especially like the blue and the pink that I used."

Brandi Cramer [12]

"I picked blue, green, purple, yellow, and orange for my colors. I like water and cool colors, but I wanted just a hint of sunshine thrown in to lighten it up."

Renae Graham [11]

"For the cube project that we did in ACM, I chose earth tone colors. I really like the outdoors and camo colors just reflect my personality."

Dustin Stover [12]

"I went for the hot color tones because I have a sunny personality, and I really like the warm weather and anything that has to do with the summertime."

Madi Pityk [12]

"I totally chose the brightest colors I could find because that's just who I am. I'm not dull; I'm my own person. I like all the seasons, so all colors are represented."

Maddie Antone [12]

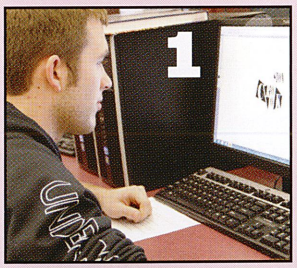
can you see the hues

1) In Graphics Design class with Mr. Heater [fac.], Matt Crookston [12] works on a cover page.

2) In room 505 with Mr. Heater [fac.], Billy Molyneaux [10] measures his package design cutout.

3) In his eighth period Graphics Design class, Christian Cryer [10] cuts his design out.

4) Using Adobe Illustrator, Tiffany Cupec [11] designs a package for production in Graphics Design class.



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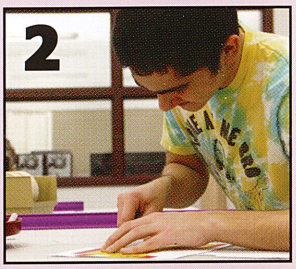

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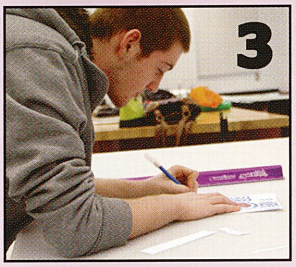

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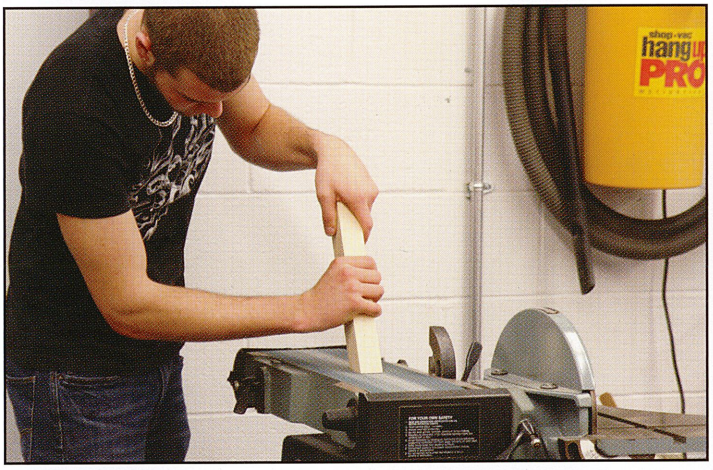


Maximum performance...

To smooth the edges of his boat, Ricky Dengler [10] sands the wood before he plans his painting design. Dengler said, "I based my boat design to maximize its performance in the water." The students competed against each other to find out which boat moved the fastest and which held the most weight.

cut up

spanish students get crafty

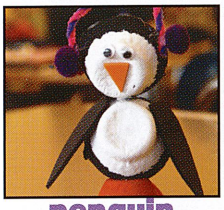
story by a. phillips [11]

Each year, around the holiday season, Ms. Varano's AP Spanish classes took a break from the topic of Spanish paintings to make crafts for Mrs. Leezer's life skills students, as well as the elementary life skills students.

Each student had to make a craft, with no repeats permitted. Students had to instruct, in Spanish and from memory, the rest of class on how to make their crafts. The rest of the class made the crafts based off the instructions given.

Andrew Yohe [11] said, "I'm not very good at crafts or Spanish, so it was a challenging project for me."

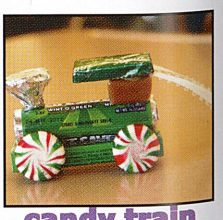
After a few weeks of craft filled classes, workers successfully made and delivered 299 items to both the high school and elementary.



penguin

"My penguin was super adorable, especially with the colorful earmuffs. ¡Es muy lindo! ¿No?"

Gracie McDermott [11]



candy train

"My train was made of all candy. It was great to see the looks on their faces when receiving it."

Tara Stolarski [12]

Sine of the times...

In her fourth period Art III class, Kyle Cernicky [12] paints an abstract interpretation of the front atrium. Cernicky said, "The architects incorporated the sine curve everywhere in their design for the atrium. It's on the railings and in the embellishments." She once designed a lamp shade that utilized melted crayons.

photo: *j. herstek* [12]

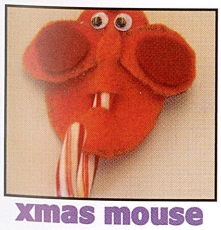
stumbling blocks

Eleana Cook [10]

One of the toughest things I've ever gone through would be when I moved here from the Poconos. I was going into the sixth grade and was super shy. I didn't know anyone. I made friends and tried hard in school with the support from my family. One of the biggest things that helped me the most was when I joined the swim team after I had been here for a year. This is how I met most of my friends that I'm still extremely close to today. I also gained a lot of confidence. Moving was hard, but I gained many things from it.

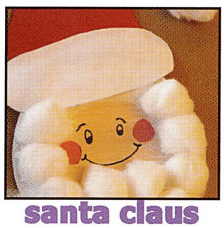
Madi Pituk [12]

The hardest thing I ever had to deal with was losing my grandma. My grandma was always there to support me, and she taught me a lot. Losing her was like crushing my heart. Instead of tearing my family apart, we all got closer to help each other through this tragedy. My family went through a hard time with that. They are who helped me through this difficult part of my life. My grandma was like the glue that kept my family together.



xmas mouse

"I loved making all the crafts in Spanish. It was a lot of fun, and the crafts went to a good cause."
Steph Matesic [12]



santa claus

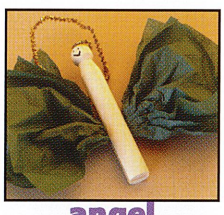
"I thought that it was very rewarding to make ornaments for people who truly appreciated them."
Ashley Heater [12]

bell

"Taking time out of class to make crafts was a lot of fun, and it was rewarding to give the crafts to the kids."
Anna Scanga [12]

ornament

"My craft introduced me to my new favorite word, *burbujas*. It means bubbles and sounds cool."
Dylan Dulick [12]



angel

"My clothespin angels were pretty scary looking, but they were easy to make, and it was creative."
Katherine Debick [11]

" I block out any and all thoughts of pain while running, biking, and climbing."
Logan Krause [11]

vital vocabulary

writing lingo

euphemism

An indirect, less offensive way to say something considered unpleasant.

"'She wasn't pretty, to say the least,' is a euphemism used to describe an unattractive person in a nice way."

Morgan Kiebler [11]

litotes

a type of understatement in which something affirmative is expressed by negating its opposite.

"Kelly used a litote to express to Billy his lack of attraction."

Kearston Turner [11]

colloquialism

Informed words or expressions, not usually acceptable in formal reading.

"Even though 'yinz' is commonly used in Pittsburgh, it's a colloquialism and not accepted formally in other places."

Taylor Murdock [11]

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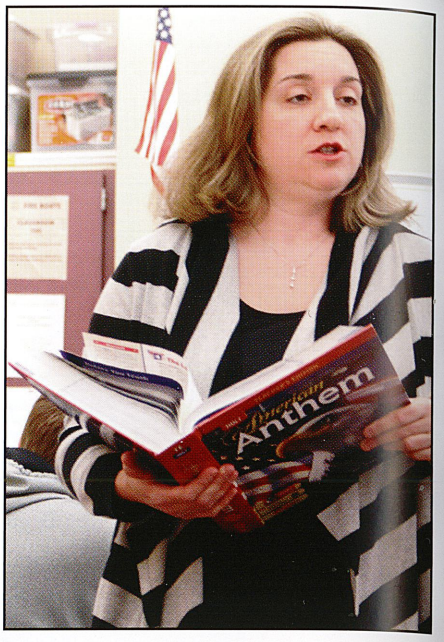


Everyone has a right...

During her seventh period US History I class, Mrs. McAfee [fac.] discusses the Consititution. Allyson Chessey [9] said, "Learning about the Constitution is vital because it's the only way you'll get to know the rights that you have as a US citizen." Chessey most valued the right to free speech.

> **i can't say which right is the right right, and which is the wrong right. right?**
>
> *Mike Hill* [9]

photo: *c. terrill* [9]

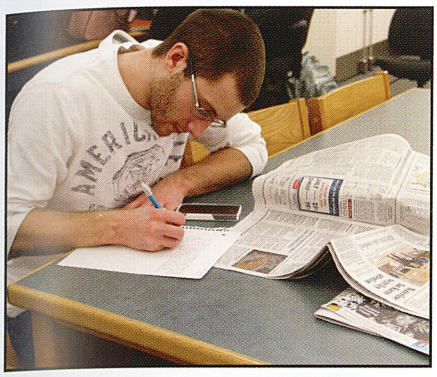
Going old school...

On the laptop in Mrs. Bono's [fac.] English class, Alex Stadler [12] works on his senior paper. Stadler said, "It took about one week to research, and it took two to three weeks to actually write and type the paper." Stadler discussed the longevity and popularity of the original video game industry.

who what where when why

Using time wisely...

During a third period study hall, Nickolas Stone [12] sits in the library and works on a writing. "Sometimes, the best time to get work done is during study hall. I'm glad I have them when I do," Stone said. Stone had English class with Mrs. Pityk [fac.] and chose to argue against euthanasia for his senior project.



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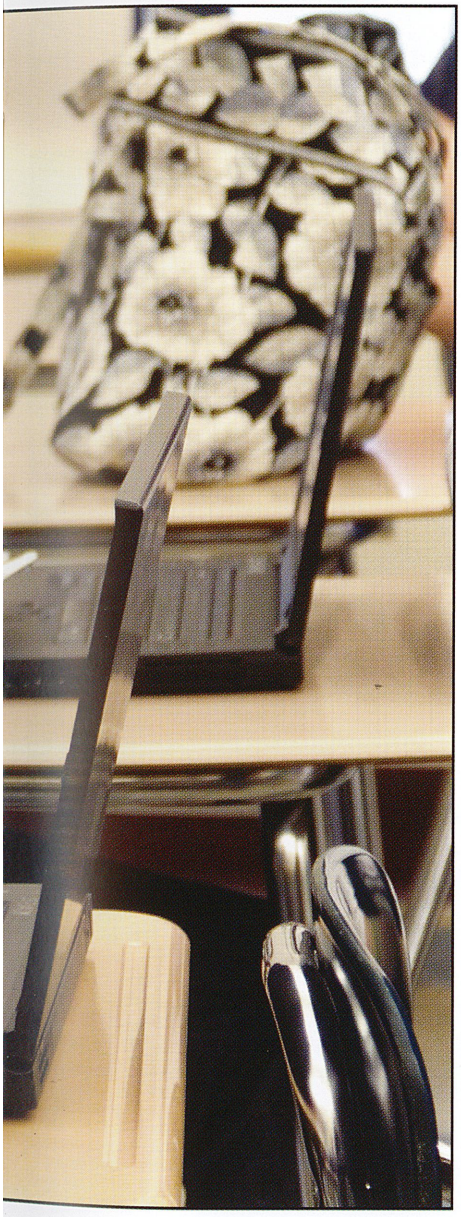

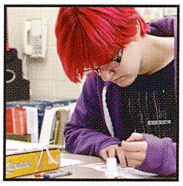

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What: drawing and coloring
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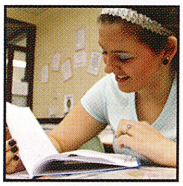
Where: 207 with Mrs. Miller
Why: to decorate the classroom



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What: rereading her writing journal
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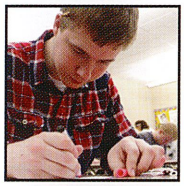
Why: to reminisce about past writings



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What: using markers for an assignment
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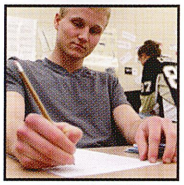
Why: to earn a good grade



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What: writing a journal entry
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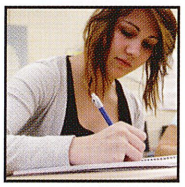
Where: 207 with Mrs. Miller
Why: to plan for a future writing



Who: Brandye Pavlovic [11]
What: working on a story
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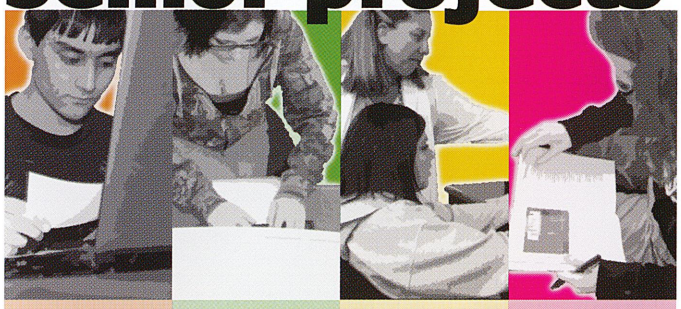
Where: 207 with Mrs. Miller
Why: to complete an assignment

senior projects



Discuss why you chose that topic for your senior paper.

"Gun control... I wanted to show that the government needs to eliminate restraints."
Cole Prager [12]

"Oil drilling... I showed that the country could greatly benefit from drilling in the United States."
Callen Rupp [12]

"Bullying... I wanted to prove that bullying needs to be hugely addressed in today's schools."
Lea Long [12]

"Gay marriage... I set out to prove that people should be able to marry whomever they want in life."
Brianna Bennett [12]

stumbling blocks

Austin Moorhead [12]

The hardest thing I have ever accomplished in my life was getting over the death of my grandfather who passed after battling lung cancer for about a year. Cancer claimed his life in the winter a little bit before Valentine's Day. Since then, it was very hard to live a normal life after he left us. Ever since then, I worked harder on my grades and worked on my social life, trying to see that I was taking the right path to make him proud for all I have done. He would be so proud for all I have done in my life. That's for you, Pop. Love you.

Morgan Kiebler [11]

One hard time I had to deal with was last cross country season when I suffered numerous injuries. I had to stop running for one month, run in the pool, and bike a lot because of my hip. It was hard because I missed the two weeks of mandatory summer practice and the first invitational. Then, later in the season at WPIAL championships, I passed out right before the finish and didn't make states. My mom helped me through the entire experience. Also, the trainers and doctors at UPMC did everything they could to help me get back to running.

"I'm the guy who runs the block."
Luke Dunmire [12]

too much too little

teenagers deal with pressure to be perfect

"I'm happy the way I am and love food too much to not eat."
Gracie McDermott [11]

"I always try to work out. I have to have that beach body."
Davon Thompkins [11]

Surrounded by media in today's modern world, teenagers—guys and girls alike—constantly faced the pressure to live up to the social standards of physical perfection.

Magazine covers, television shows, and clothing ads all depicted five foot ten, 110 pound, flawless women. With society's example of what girls should look like, girls found it hard not to feel down at some point about their appearances.

Tricia Kohler [12] said, "I thought people would like me more if I were skinny, so I went on a diet over the summer. I gave up all unhealthy food and I've lost a lot of weight."

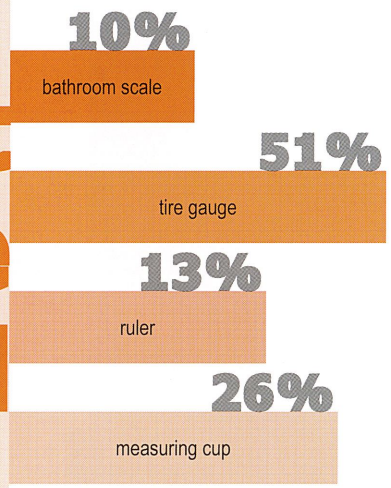
Guys also felt pressure to meet the modern standards of physical perfection. Stars like Zac Efron and Channing Tatum, both constantly drooled over by girls, forced guys to try to meet unrealistic expectations.

The pressure of perfection caused self esteem issues, eating disorders, and exercise obsessions, making it harder each day for teenagers to learn to love themselves.

post the poll

choose one as your favorite...

measuring tool



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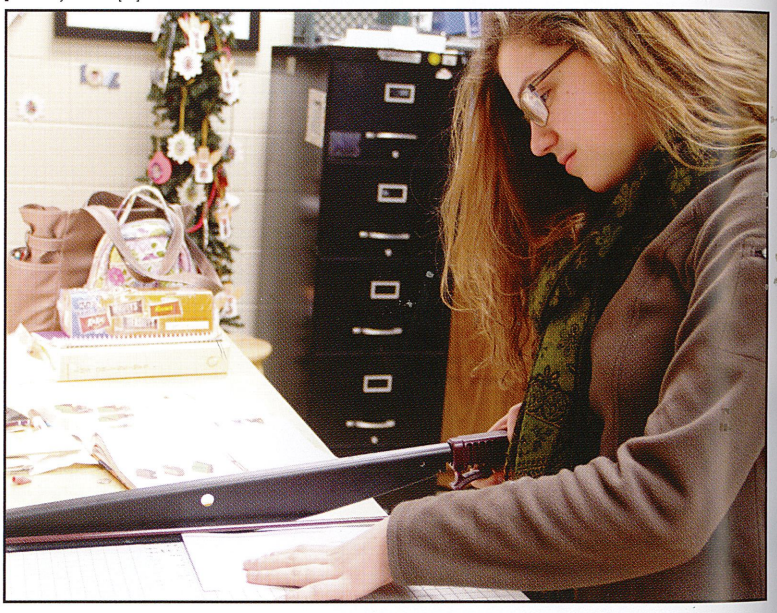


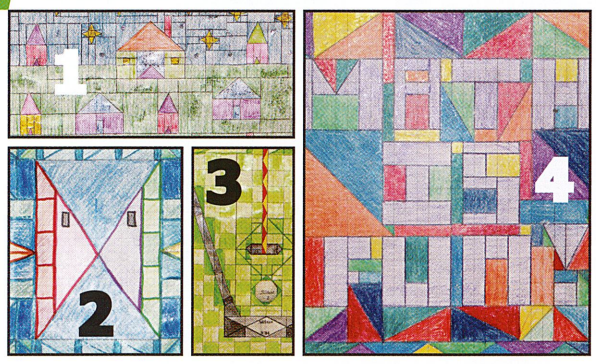
things we did □□□ in Mrs. Hald's class

1 "It was really hard measuring to do the triangles. I didn't mind the rectangles too much."
Rachael Buccicone [9]

2 "It was easy to do, but a bit boring because we had to do the same thing over and over to find the areas."
Sydney Hessom [9]

3 "It was frustrating because the work was so repetitive. All in all, though, we got to be creative and I liked that."
Tim Collins [9]

4 "It was easy but very time consuming to find the area. The area of the triangles had to sum up to over half the whole."
Bry Viviani [9]



Cut above the rest...

In the yearbook room, Hannah Hohman [12] measures on the paper cutter to slice passes for the senior specials. Hohman said, "I hate when you have to cut paper in thirds. I never get it right." Hohman took pictures for the yearbook staff.

On the straight and narrow...

For her Graphics Design class with Mr. Heater [fac.], Courtney Kowaluk [10] cuts the back of her portfolio. Kowaluk said, "I had to measure out the correct size and use an Exacto knife to cut it." Kowaluk served yearbook staff as Photoshop editor.

Say cheese...

In Mrs. Novak's fourth period Culinary Principles class, Kyle Shellhammer [10] measures out cheese for pierogies. Shellhammer said, "You have to be very precise with recipes so that the flavors aren't overpowering."

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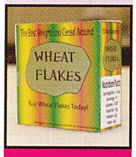
gotta git-r-done

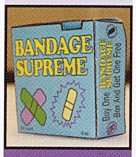
graphics design class

students discuss difficulties in completing design projects



"It's looks different on the computer. It just doesn't look like what the actual product looks like. Also, it was hard to fold the box so that it looks like it should. Coming up with the product was also tough."

John Shannon [12]

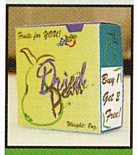


"It was hard thinking of the product idea from scratch. However, once I did, it seemed to go a little more smoothly. All we were given were the measurements. We had to decide where everything would go."

Madi Pityk [12]

"It was hard coming up with an original idea that nobody else was doing. We had to decide what the box should look like so that it appeared appealing enough for people to purchase."

Dario Marsili [10]



"I had the hardest time trying to figure out what my product was going to be. I had an even harder time coming up with the logo for it. We also had to decide on a color scheme for the box to get them all to match."

Kara Headley [11]

"For me, the easy part was coming up with the idea. It got more difficult when I had to choose the colors to go on it. Additionally, finding graphics to go on the box was hard and also where to put them."

Tiffany Cupec [11]

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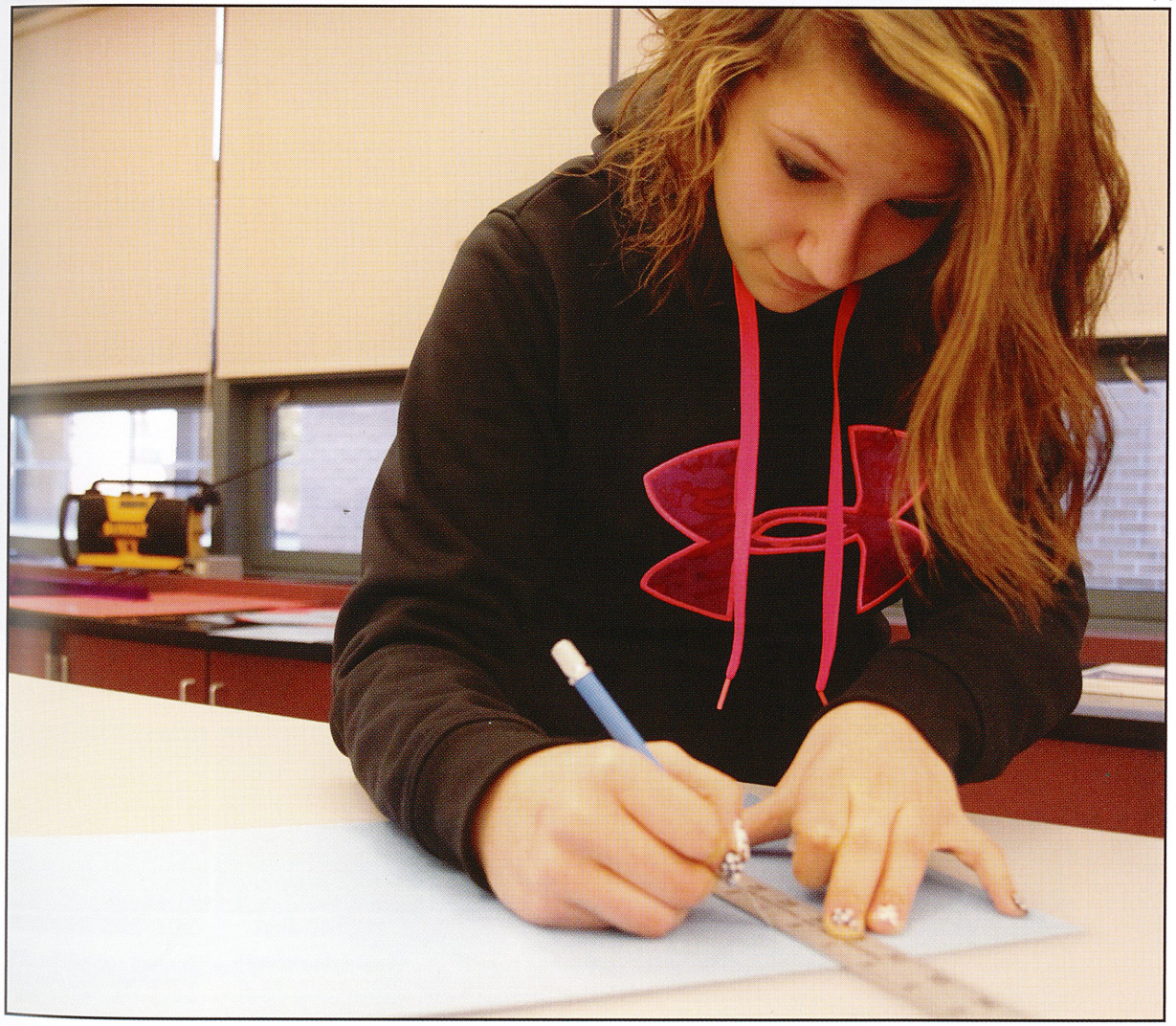
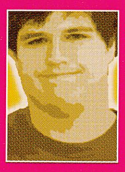


"I hate when I look at something on the internet and get blocked."
Hanna Beaufort [11]

stumbling blocks



Cameron Lawecki [12]

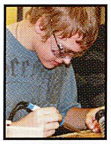
The hardest time I ever faced was when I was about 10 years old. My dad had just lost his job at DeLallo's, so my family was in a tough situation. I was very concerned about how my family was going to make it when our main source of income had been cut off. Everything was fine though. He found a new job in about a week. All I had to do was stay strong, be positive, and be supportive. You have to realize that bad times pass and you forget all about the negative things that happen. That is my story.

Dan Brigman [12]

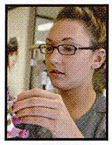
Going through school was the hardest thing I've done, since I'm constantly being pushed around and picked on because I'm different. Why does it matter that I like different music, clothes, and other things compared to everyone else? I've had to deal with people constantly calling me names, saying I'm a freak and all that, but I got through it with my friends and family. Thank you mom and gram. Thank you Lauren Bosley and Laura Snyder. Without you, I could not have gotten through it.

members dish on why they committed

"I do tech to learn the skills of becoming an electrician and working in electronics."
Austin Tawney [11]

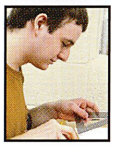


"I went to tech because I knew it would be a good thing to fall back on after high school if I ever needed to get a quick job."
Katie Shaffer [12]



"Tech helps me to get time away from school to prepare for my future. I want to become an auto mechanic manager."
Derick Yost [10]

"I want to learn how to become a carpenter. I'd like to work for a company locally around the area."
Tyler Ozarowicz [11]



"I went to tech to learn about welding so that I can have a job when I get out of school. It's a good skill to learn."
Tyler Rogers [11]

"I went into vo-tech so that I could start my career before I went to college. I've worked at a salon in the past, but I really enjoy cutting all of my friends' hair."
Leeanna Bolinger [12]

"I do tech because it gets me my experience and my cosmetology license. I can actually get my license before I graduate high school. I love that."
Haley Linsenbigler [11]

On the plus side...

To fix a broken drill, Aryan Tobin [12] tears it a part to remagnetize its electronic motor. "Working with electronics really fascinates me. It's always growing in knowledge, and you can never stop learning." After graduation, he hoped to enter into the electrical union.

can you feel the wheel

1) Derick Yost [10] balances a tire on the tire balancing machine.

2) In his auto mechanics shop, Connor Sweeny [10] removes a lug nut from a wheel.

3) With his impact wrench, Zack Kuyal [10] puts a tire back on a Dodge Stratus.

4) Behind the garage, Joe Stitt [12] searches for the right size tire for his project.

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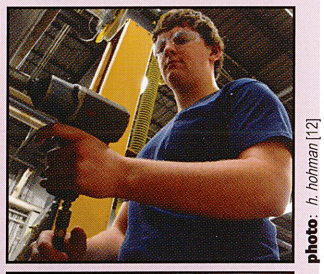

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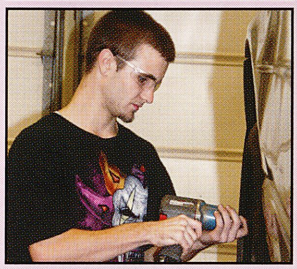

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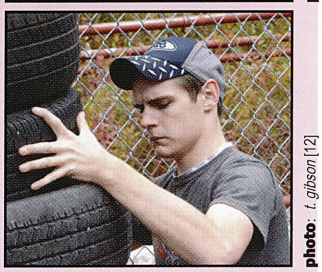

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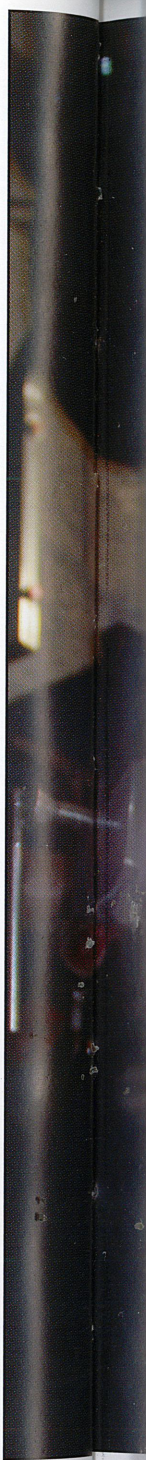


heads up

techers get a head

From cosmetology to commercial arts, vo-tech students utilized mannequin heads and/or mask heads.

To perfect their skills in doing up-dos, cosmo students used mannequin heads for a variety of reasons.

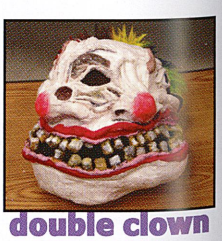
Abbey Ausk [12] said, "The heads let us practice for our state board exam and simulate various hairstyles."

In the commercial arts curriculum, students created masks from plaster. They first had to research for a workable idea, and then they brought their designs to life.

Alexandra Wasson [12] said, "Building the mask was a messy experience. I had plaster everywhere...in my hair, on my clothes, on my face, all over the table, and on the floor. My friend, Jade Hill, actually got it in her mouth."

roller set

"When putting hair up in rollers, you have to be careful not to scrape the person's scalp with clips." *Cheyenne Shellhammer* [10]



double clown

"It's made from plaster. It's a two faced clown, and I wanted it to actually be a wearable mask." *Alexandra Wasson* [12]

Spark of interest...

Careful to keep precise, Tyler Rogers [11] welds a vertical T-joint. "The first boss I ever had was the guy who got me interested in welding. He taught me a lot and made me want to learn more," Rogers said. He hoped to eventually get a job at FS Elliot in Delmont and gain further certification in welding.

photo: *t. gibson* [12]

stumbling blocks

Kiara Bebb [10]

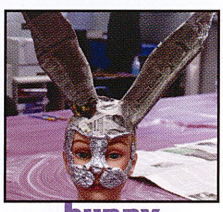
I had a really hard time in math class. My teacher decided to put all of my work into a folder to keep me organized. That didn't work, and I failed the class. I went to summer school to make it up. If I could go back to ninth grade, I'd offer these tips: do all of your work when it is given. Don't half-heartedly just put in your work. Take an interest in it. The person who tried to help me the most was my dad, and I'd like to thank him for that, especially for math class. I would hope that everyone who reads this would try their best the first time. Just do the work.

Abbey Balas [10]

The most difficult time in my life involved trying out for winterguard. We had never had to actually try out before, and this caused me so much stress. I was so nervous because it's just something that I really wanted to do. We had to learn about one minute of dance work and flag work. The flag work didn't seem that difficult to me. Honestly, neither was the dance work. Still, there was one toss that I didn't know how to complete. I just decided to perform my heart out and do the best that I possibly could. I ended up doing great and made the squad.

braid

"To achieve this look, you have to take little sections of hair all over the head and braid them into one."
Amber Hepler [11]

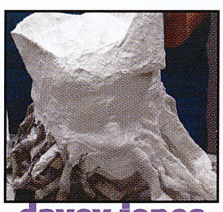


bunny

"I wanted this to be a wearable mask. I got inspired by *Alice in Wonderland* for it."
Katrina Jeroski [10]

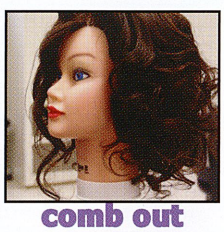
upstyle

"This was my first time doing the upstyle. Creating the ribbons coming out was the hardest part."
Christal Burczyk [12]



davey jones

"I wanted to do something different from last year. This was more of a challenge for me."
Elizabeth Weister [11]



comb out

"The purpose of scrunching hair for a comb out is to give the person a lot more volume that they have."
Haley Linsenbigler [11]

"Because I'm the best dancer on the block, dancing is the building block of my whole life."
Trey Gibson [10]

vital vocabulary

social studies lingo

spheres of influence

Foreign nations that have economic privileges such as trading rights among other countries.

"High school students need to overcome their spheres of influence."

Paul Murray [12]

blitzkreig

"Lightning war." Hitler's invasion strategy of attacking a nation.

"Mr. McKenzie taught me that Blitzkreig was the name that Hitler gave to his army."

Austin Moorhead [12]

atman

The essential part of a universal soul; Hindus believe it is the unity of all life.

"Sammy Nepsa doesn't have an atman, because she's a cold, heartless girl."

Hannah Steele [11]

photo: *t. cloud* [12]

Mighty girl power...

Just after competing at Counties at Seton Hill University, Stephanie Lednak [10] and Morgan Kiebler [11] hoist the championship trophy. Kiebler said, "Over the summer, we went on a camping trip together at Ohiopyle. That's where we truly bonded." The girls' team won the County Championships for the first time in over eight years.

the most vital benefit of learning history is to prevent making mistakes again & again.

Ed Clowes [12]

photo: *a. satterfield* [12]

Mural, mural, on the wall...

Between rooms 402 and 403, Darrah Resnick [12] finishes her painted mural of the Surrender at Appomattox. Resnick said, "I've painted murals in elementary school and at the intermediate school. It seem only right to do one here." She attended Art IV class daily with Mr. Jewart [fac].

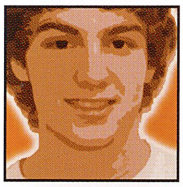
Rare accomplishment...

For the fifth time in 51 years, the boys' basketball team won their section. Forward Adam Robison [12] said, "It was exciting sharing it with Coach Touchstone because he now has been a part of three section titles: two playing, and one coaching." The team had only three playing seniors.

photo: j. herstek [12]

who what where when why?

subject: mock election

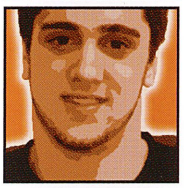


Who: Jake Kerlin [12]
What: cast vote for Romney in mock election
When: 8:00 AM on 10/31/12
Where: homeroom 406
Why: My parents told me he was the better man.

Who: Alondra Acosta [9]
What: cast vote for Obama in mock election
When: 8:00 AM on 10/31/12
Where: homeroom 103
Why: I'm Mexican and Obama is more supportive.

Who: Bethany Liska [10]
What: cast vote for Romney in mock election
When: 8:00 AM on 10/31/12
Where: homeroom 130
Why: I thought Obama's plans weren't attainable.

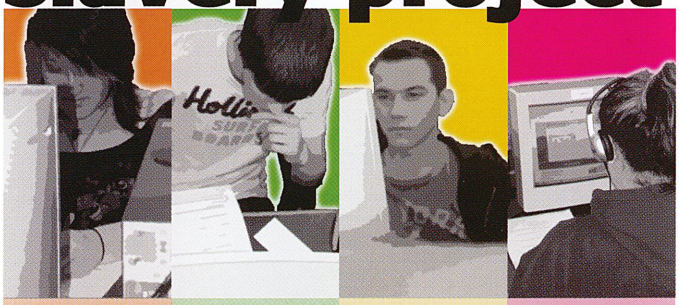
Who: Jace Roundtree [9]
What: cast vote for Obama in mock election
When: 8:00 AM on 10/31/12
Where: homeroom 308
Why: He needed more time to complete his plans.



Who: Austin Drobka [12]
What: cast vote for Romney in mock election
When: 8:00 AM on 10/31/12
Where: homeroom 403
Why: I just don't like Obama.

Note: All students in the school had the chance to vote. Romney won every category except for the 11th grade girls.

slavery project



After visiting the *Underground Railroad* site, what did you learn from Mrs. Eichner's planned activity?

"I think the slaves had an extremely hard, unfair life. They should have been treated like any other person." *Aley Pablo* [9]

"Slavery must have been a hard thing to go through. I can't believe they started working at the age of five." *Todd O'Neil* [9]

"I think that the slaves were treated poorly. If I was a slave, I would have tried to run away just like they did." *Cody Hill* [9]

"Slaves were treated cruelly and with no respect. After those long days, they deserved lots of food." *McKenzi Johnson* [9]

"At Primanti's, I ordered the dessert, and the ice cream was in the shape of a block." Alexis Satterfield [12]

stumbling blocks

Steve Lauffer [13]

About 12 years ago, I had a dog named Mitsey. She was a great dog. She was really friendly and always played with you. She was never loud when you were trying to sleep. About two years ago, we found out that she had cancer on the back of her leg, so we let it go for about a year. Then, one day we woke up and she was not really moving, so we took her to the vet to put her to sleep. That was a hard day on my whole family, and we gave her a proper burial in my backyard.

Joselin Herstek [12]

When you're struck with an obstacle, you have two choices: face it or run away. When I was diagnosed with OCD in 7th grade, I chose to face it. After several years of not knowing what was wrong with me, it finally hit me that I needed help. That's just what I did. I've been through years of counseling to help alleviate the struggles I deal with in my every day life. Everything I have done has made me a stronger person. I had to grow up fast and realize that life hands you blocks, but ultimately, you call the shots.

texting & driving

against the law, but still a life-threatening issue

"I never text and drive because I don't have thumbs."
Vinnie Holmes [10]

"The only time I text and drive is when no one is around."
Casey Nasetka [11]

In 2011, 1.3 million crashes occurred because drivers texted while driving. 34% of teens have admitted to texting and driving, and 52% have admitted to talking on their phone while driving. Even though these teens considered themselves adequate drivers, while texting or using a cell phone, drivers who used their phone spent 10% of their time outside their lane.

Katie Aller [11] said, "I never text and drive unless I have already come to a complete stop at a stop sign or light."

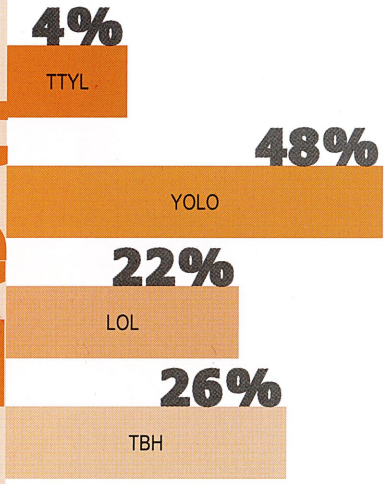
In 2012, lawmakers inside the state of Pennsylvania prohibited the use of cell phones while driving; however, catching a person using his phone while driving certainly posed a much greater challenge for police than catching a driver going 20 miles over the speed limit.

"Even though it's illegal, I would still take the risk and take the time to text a friend back. However, now after realizing this could cost me my life, I stopped checking my phone while behind the wheel," Nicole Caldwell [11] said.

pick one as your choice for most...

overused txt abr.

post the poll



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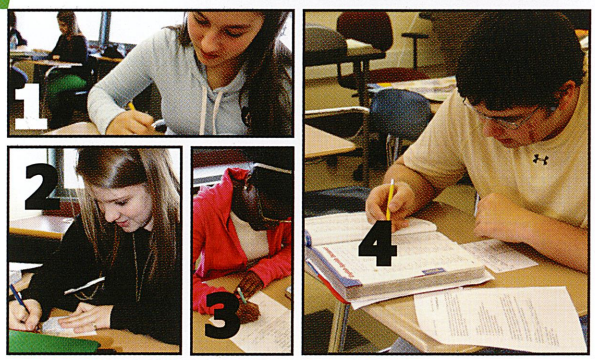
things we did □□□ in Ms. Uskuraitis's class

1 "I think writing in Spanish is pretty easy because Mrs. U. teaches us well and it's easy to understand."
Nicole Bumbaugh [10]

2 "Writing is difficult because there are too many rules to remember. There's basically a rule for everything."
Bethany Liska [10]

3 "Writing in Spanish is kind of backwards. The adjectives come after the nouns."
Jalesa Morris [11]

4 "It's difficult to write in Spanish because it's not something we are really used to doing often."
Cody Auden [11]



Tedious typing...

During A lunch, Hannah Milheim [12] sits and types the senior directory sheets into a yearbook program. "Business staff does a lot of tedious work. We spend a lot of time sitting and typing," Milheim said. She served on the *Campus* staff for two years.

What a tangled web we weave...

Early in the morning in his Web Page Design class, Gage Edinger [10] works on an assignment. Edinger said, "The class is really interesting, and I find it really relevant to today." Mrs. Valeski [fac.] taught the class in room 404.

Lunchtime conversations...

During his C lunch in the upper cafeteria, Jesse Sterlitz [10] texts his girlfriend Natalie Clifford [9]. Sterlitz said, "I like texting because it gives me something to do when I'm bored." He owned an iPhone 4, but when it broke, he bought a Sharp FX.

photo: *c. terrill* [9]

gottagit-r-done

students discuss the new apple iPhone 5 and features

"I got my iPhone 5 because Andriods are just plain awful. The life-proof cases fit all military standards and are waterproof. Emojis and iMessaging are two of my favorite programs."

Alyssa Hobbins [11]

"The iPhone 5 has HD quality and comes with better cases for protection against damage. The camera is also really impressive. The overall connection seems to be a lot better."

Ryan Ashbaugh [9]

"The thing I like the most about the iPhone 5 is the sleeker screen. It gives more room for documents and web pages. The faster internet connection in bad signal areas is also nice."

Lindsey Caldwell [9]

"I got the iPhone 5 because I dropped my old phone in the river, and it broke. Now, I have this iPhone and a waterproof case. It makes texting in the rain and hot tub a little less scary."

Sara Keddie [10]

"I love the sleek, new design of the iPhone 5. The extra row of icons allows me to keep my favorite apps easily accessible. Also, my kids enjoy playing games and watching videos on the larger screen."

Mrs. Hald [fac.]

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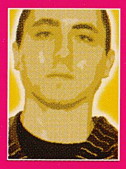
stumbling blocks



Jake Uzmack [12]

The most difficult time I ever had was the passing of my grandma. She had cancer for the third time, and she struggled. She fought to live until my birthday. She stayed in bed a lot, except on my birthday. That day, she was so full of life; I thought it was a miracle. Instead, she fought to live for that day because the day after my birthday, she died. It took everyone by shock because the day before we thought she was better. It was very difficult to get through, but she stayed alive for me. I still miss her and love her.

Jess Uhne [11]

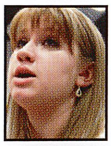
In my freshman track season, I was diagnosed with a precursor to a stress fracture. This means if I would have ran one more day, my bone would have broken. I was forced to wear a boot for eight weeks, along with crutches for a few weeks. I missed the next two seasons of running but continued to attend all practices and meets to support my teammates. Along with my drive, I also had the help of my family, coaches, and numerous people from UPMC. Because of this, I've become stronger and am ready to redeem myself this upcoming season.

"When I skate, I ride down the block."
Logan Bothell [10]

members dish on why they committed

"Singing is my way of expression. I am able to display my love and passion for music and theatre through singing and performing on stage."

Kaylee Hansberry [12]

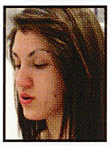


"I like to sing and I'm pretty good at it. My friends like to sing as well, so we are all in chorus."

Tim Secreto [10]

"Singing is me. The ability to express myself freely through song has allowed me to become more comfortable performing in front of people."

Megan Paullet [12]

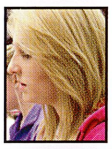


"I sing because it is a lot of fun and I get to spend time with my friends every day during chorus class."

Matt Cecchetti [11]

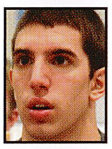
"I love to sing because it keeps me calm. When you're having a bad day, you can always count on a great song to put you into a better mood."

Jade Majercik [11]



"A few years ago, my friends and I decided to join choir together so that we could be together. However, now I continue to sing because I really enjoy it."

Angelo Principe [11]



"I adore music. I've sung since I was around 10 years old. Even though I didn't sing in intermediate school, I've learned a lot by singing in high school."

Jen Cravener [11]

Strength in numbers...

Several members of the Cavalier Choir run through a song before their annual Christmas concert. Jared DeGore [10] said, "I liked making new friends and singing difficult music this year." At the year's end, DeGore finished his first year in Jazz Choir.

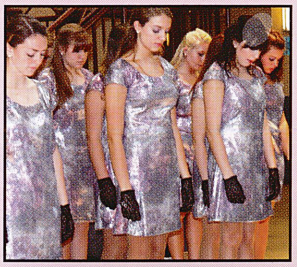
can you feel the beat

1) Natalie Scassera [10] prepares to perform *Superhits* with other choir members.

2) Performing for the Telethon, the girls line up to show off their kick line.

3) During KAndescence show choir's first performance, Kayla Wadsworth [11] strikes her final pose.

4) The girls hold a final position while awaiting applause.



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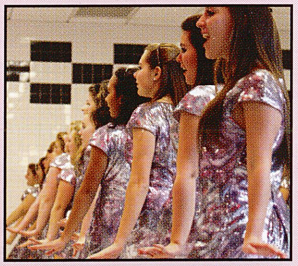

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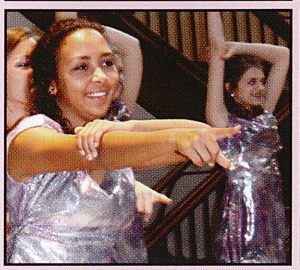

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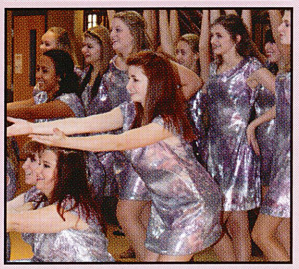

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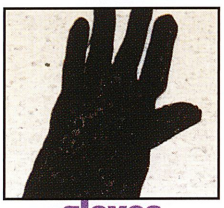
dress up

singers discuss stage props

Whether performing on the auditorium stage, the basketball court, at the local YMCA, or along the front sideline at Davis Field, singers of all kinds needed certain uniform pieces and props to present a unified and professional look for the listeners.

Show choir member Kayla Wadsworth [11] said, "You just need to look presentable as an ensemble group or even as an individual. Items like gloves, dresses, hats, and make-up all helped to provide visual interest while we sang."

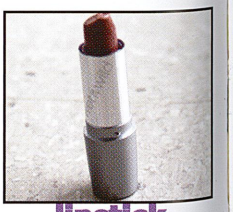
While the students spent hours in class and before and after school to perfect their music and dance moves, certain components aided to present a polished look. Students offered comments on those various props.



gloves

"The gloves are a cool feature that we use in our show because we hide them until a certain song."

Kaytee Oliver [12]



lipstick

"I wear lipstick for our performances sometimes. It makes me look a bit prettier on the stage."

Jensen York [11]

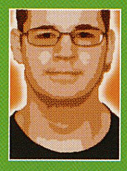
Sing a joyous song...
Maddy Costanza [11] and Cassie Thompson [12] rehearse songs for their *Dancing Through Life* performance. Costanza said, "My favorite song this year is *All That Jazz*." Constanza and Thompson participated in multiple choirs.

photo: *t. gibson* [12]

stumbling blocks

Patrick Miller [11]

The most difficult time in my life was when my grandma passed away. I was very close to her, and we had done something almost every week. When I was little, we would go see a movie, or we would go to the Children's Playhouse to see different plays. The one thing that helped me through my loss was looking at some of the pictures of us on one of our adventures. Also, I had running to help me because it gave me something to focus on when things got tough. I miss her all the time though.



Ryan McCready [11]

The hardest thing I had to deal with was waking up for school. One day, I got out of bed and started walking to take a shower; I fell down my steps. After I fell down, I got up and found a dog that was not mine in the house looking at me. I was half asleep and did not really care. The dog growled at me and barked at me. I got up and ran around the house. I did not know where I was going since I was half asleep. Then, I found out it was not my house. I left and got over it.

top hat

"I like our top hats this year for the song *All That Jazz* because it's a cool, unexpected prop."
Karisa Cesario [11]

shoes

"The character shoes that we have to wear are so plain, but they make our legs look long and aren't a distraction."
Taylor Murdock [11]

bow tie

"Bow ties are classy. We only wear them when we perform as a jazz choir. I look great in one."
Joe Bruno [12]

stole

"The stole shows what school we are representing and it unifies all of the different choirs."
Ali Beck [11]

folder

"My folder contains all of my music that I need to learn before our concert. I can't lose it."
Kayla Wadsworth [11]

"My favorite part of dance is blocking someone at a workshop."
Savannah Bruno [9]

vital vocabulary

chemistry lingo

stoichiometry

A calculation of quantities in chemical reactions.

"In chemistry class when we created equations for reactions, we used stoichiometry."

Hanna Beaufort [11]

covalent bond

A link that holds two atoms together by sharing one pair of electrons.

"I absolutely hated writing out covalent bonds because it's just so frustrating and annoying to me."

Christina Lytle [11]

polar bonding

When the electrons are pulled closer to the electonegative atom.

"As opposed to two penguins in love, we used polar bonding in chemistry class last week."

Tamara Cox [10]

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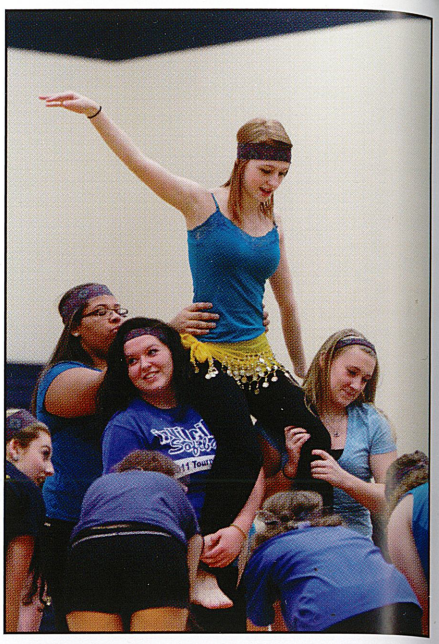


Bonded in dance...

At the Dancercise Show held in the gym on January 14, members of Ms. Rolling's [fac.] first period class perform a belly dance mix. Tory Jackson [11] said, "The class was a mix of all personality types. We came together nicely though." Jackson mixed swim team into her schedule for the winter months.

photo: *h. hohman* [12]

> **i love hannah hohman's crazy, mixed, colored cupcakes that she makes for me and jocelin herstek**
>
> *Kayla Wadsworth* [11]

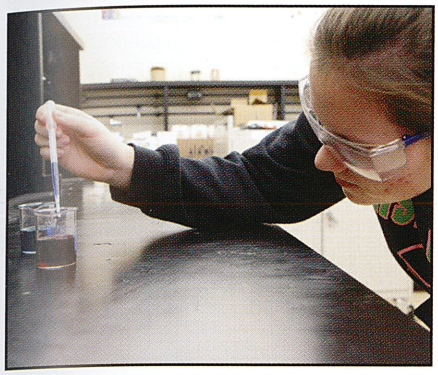
Level-headed guy...

Careful to get the bubble in the middle, Steven Lauffer [12] levels off his cement block wall. Fellow masonry, Dillon Cole [10] said, "You have to make sure that the mortar is spread out evenly between the blocks." Sophomores and juniors attended tech in the mornings, while seniors went in the afternoons.

who what where when why

How would you react?

With her eyedropper, Shannon Sebak [11] adds the proper amount of chemical to cause a reaction. Sebak said, "You have to be careful when mixing certain chemicals because it could end up messy." Sebak attended chemistry every day with Mrs. Palmiero in room 132.



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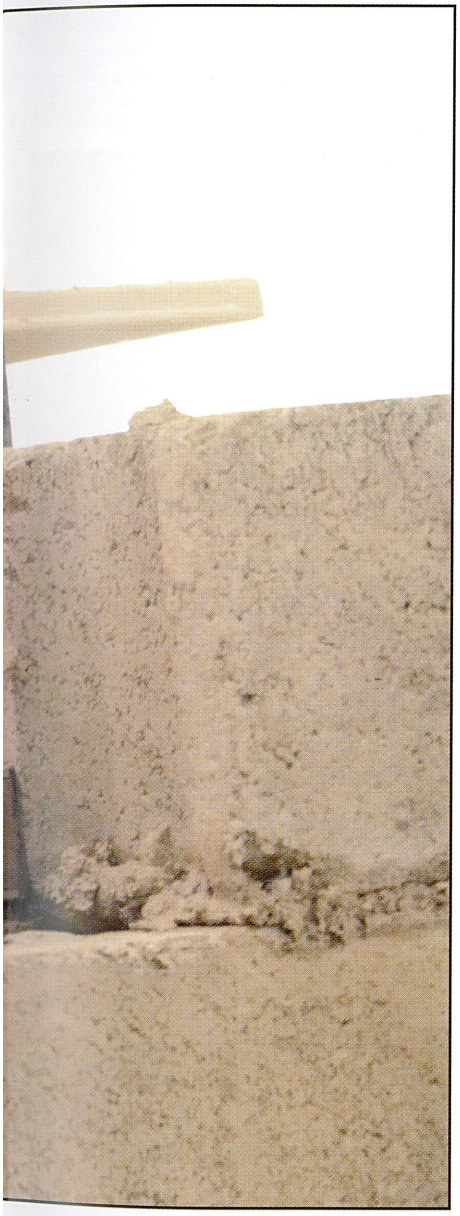
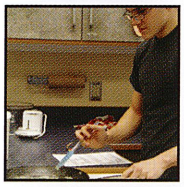


Who: Ryan Hardaway [10] and Mitch Nagy [11]
What: painting up for football's camo night
When: 6:37 PM on 9/14/12
Where: tennis courts in Vandergrift
Why: to show school spirit

Who: Breanna Byers [12]
What: preparing drink mixes for the coffee shop
When: 8:12 AM on 1/10/13
Where: library coffee shop
Why: to provide drinks to students

Who: Sadie Laero [12]
What: scraping a bowl for an baking assignment
When: 1:15 PM on 2/15/13
Where: room 138 with Mrs. Novak
Why: to get every last drop for her cookies

Who: Marie Rottschaefer [12]
What: mixing paint
When: 10:47 AM on 12/3/12
Where: high school atrium
Why: to paint the atrium windows for the Telethon



Who: Ross Jubic [12]
What: frying toppings for pierogies
When: 11:35 AM on 2/19/13
Where: room 138 with Mrs. Novak
Why: to prepare food to eat the next day

cookie mania

What are you mixing up and for what?

"We were making chocolate cookies. We made a ton because they were for the annual Christmas Tea."
Alyssa Hobbins [11]

"On the stove, we had to melt chocolate. We were making chocolate cookies for the holidays"
Jenna Boylstein [9]

"I liked baking and eating the cookies for class. We got to make some for the Christmas Tea and KA Bakery."
Erin Antoniono [9]

"We were making Orea balls for the Christmas Tea. We must have made about five dozen of them."
Branda Keibler [11]

stumbling blocks

Montana Churma [10]

Staying true to myself and sticking to what I believed in was hard for me. A decision was made, and I did not go along with it because I felt in my heart it was not right. It was hard, and I went through questions by the others who did not agree with me; I went through a lot of tears and sadness. However, I stuck to what I believed in, and I stayed strong. Eventually, others agreed with me. I overcame peer pressure, and now I know I am strong enough to face anything and stay true to myself.

Sadie Laero [12]

It should come as no surprise that the most difficult time for me was the Freshman/ Sophomore Dance. I made the horrible mistake of drinking and still suffer from it today. I got through it with the help of my good friends that stayed by me, the amazingly understanding teachers (Mrs. Haney and Miss Strong), the medics, and of course my family. Without those people and because they cared about me so much, who knows if I would still be alive today?

"I've blocked a few people on the field in my day."
Shane Kuhn [11]

various prospects

computer tech students gain vital experiences

"We learned everything about working in an office."
Savannah Jones [10]

"I want to go into the FBI and computers are used in forensics."
Tom Prunty [10]

Computer tech offered vo-tech students many opportunities to better more than just their computer skills, both inside and outside the classroom. The computer tech students even had a Skills Club to practice their real world talents.

Jake Hill [11] said, "I'm president of Skills Club so I organized what we did. Being President helped me with my leadership skills and taught me about teamwork. It will also look good when I apply to the Pittsburgh Technical Institute. I want to go there for Computer Aided Drafting."

While still in high school, students had the opportunity to get job experience through co-ops. Co-ops paid the students for their work and gave them job experience for the future.

Darrien Deluca [12] said, "I worked at Finished Appearance one day a week as a receptionist. I will use the skills I've learned later in life to work in another office as a productive worker, probably as some sort of receptionist. I'm also getting certified in everything Microsoft for free."

choose one as your favorite...

post the poll

bus ride activities

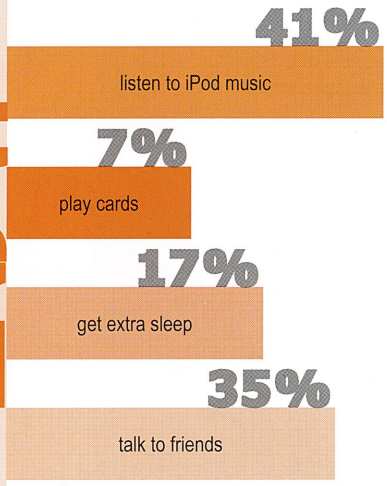


photo: *c. shellhammer* [10]

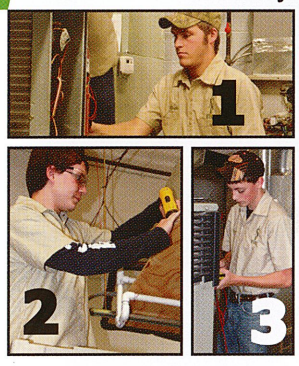
things we did □□□ in Mr. Myers' class

1 "Everyone seems to but heads in class from time to time. It was definitely a unique mixture of personalities." *Chad Retter* [11]

2 "Never argue with Mr. Myers. You will never win with him. Just go along with what he says." *Jesse Botti* [11]

3 "Mr. Myers' class is both challenging and fun. It's very interesting and you learn a lot while in there." *Tyler Uziel* [11]

4 "We learned a lot in Mr. Myers' class. He's easy to get along with. I'll definitely use the skills I learned in the future." *Ryan Hall* [11]



Ups and downs...

To get her subject into the right position, Kyleigh Hill [11] adjusts the bed. Hill said, "The hardest part of nursing is all of the book work involved." After graduating high school, she hoped to go on to medical school somewhere locally.

One step at a time...

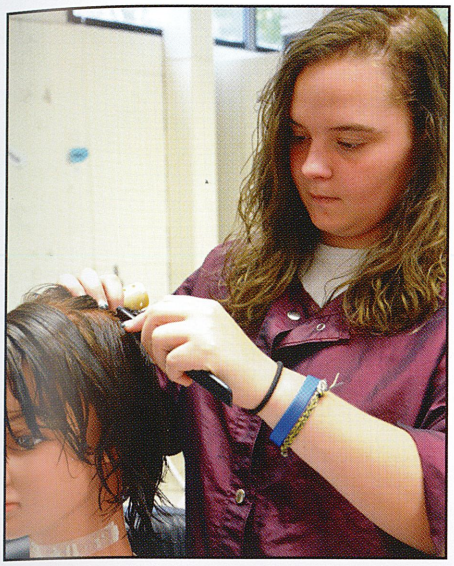
In the carpentry department at NWCTC, Jake Uzmack [12] secures a step with his drill. Uzmack said, "We had to create the staircase for a dog that broke his leg. This will allow him to get up onto a bed." Uzmack hoped to one day open a cabinet shop.

gotta git-r-done

students discuss difficulties in completing certain projects

All a part of it...

In the front of the cosmetology lab room, Brianna Morgan [11] parts the hair on her mannequin head. Morgan said, "I entered cosmo to further my education in hair. I've always wanted to become a cosmetologist." She has cut hair for two years to date.



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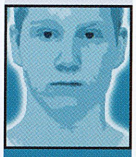
"Being treasurer of computer tech is difficult because I have to count all the money we bring in from our fund raiser of selling Sarris chocolates. Sometimes, it is up to ten envelopes per day."

Ashley Montgomery [10]

"Taking blood pressure is the most difficult thing to do because it has to be really, really quiet to do it properly. You have to watch the sphygmomanometer while you listen for it to start and stop."

Heather Fazenbaker [11]



"Learning all the trigonometry and how to find angle measures and side lengths in order to be able to do projects is the hardest part for me. I had never done anything like that before."

Brandon Jackson [11]

"Learning all of the knife skills to properly cut everything is the hardest of all. There are 12 different types of cuts, and you have to memorize them all. The Julienne was the hardest one for me to remember."

Kim Saville [12]

"In HVAC, one of the most difficult tasks is trying to figure out what causes the problem in the first place. There are so many variables involved that sometimes it's hard to pick the right one."

Tory Hilty [11]

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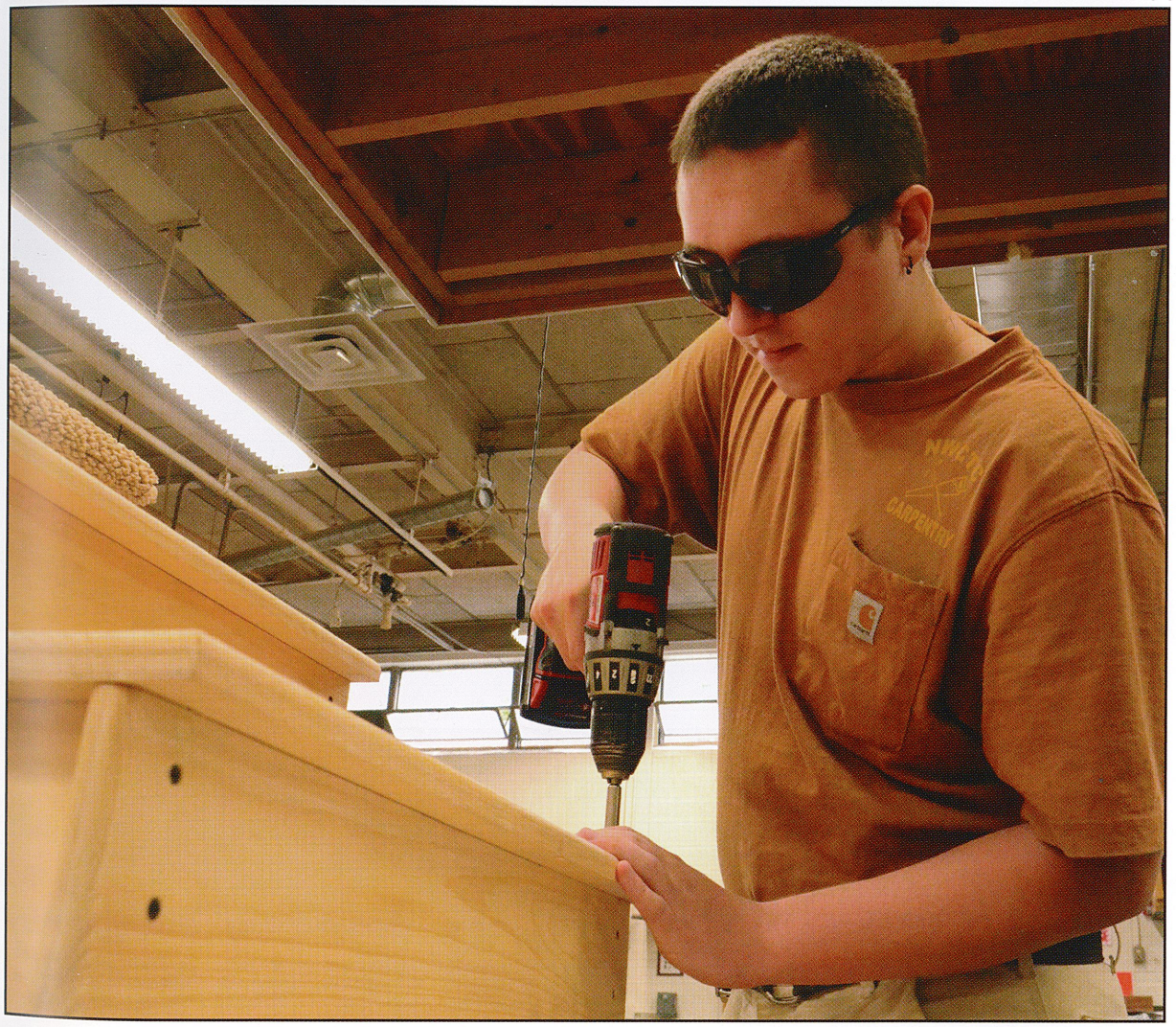
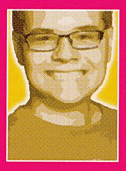


stumbling blocks

Daija Head [9]

When my grandma passed away, it was the most devastating event in my life. Growing up, some of my family missed out on my upbringing. Grandma fought leukemia for three years untreated, and for one year treated. Every day, I had to see her fighting for her life and it ripped me apart. It was so difficult seeing her endure the pain that cancer can bring. I never got over her passing until I prayed to God. Talking to Him, I realized that she's in such a better place. She was so strong and she taught me so much about courage.



Ryan Clever [10]

In 2011, I experienced a tragedy in my life. It was a cold Friday night in October. The Phillies were facing the Cardinals in game five of the NLDS. The Phillies were favored, going into the series with superior hitting and pitching. I watched the game until the fifth inning and the game was very even. The Cardinals had gotten a leg up and scored what would be the only run of the game. I woke up the next morning and I had a bad feeling about the game. I went to the computer and went on ESPN. To my dismay, they had lost the game 1-0.

"I hate it when other goalies block our shots in soccer."
Paige Krug [11]

students discuss eye protection

"Basically, we wear goggles for safety. We use dangerous chemicals in labs sometimes, so it is important to take extra precautions."

Ashton Prusia [11]

"Goggles are necessary for swimming so you can see under water. Without them, you would run into walls, and your eyes would burn."

Tory Jackson [11]

"For Ski Club, I wear ski goggles when I'm on the slopes. It's really cold on the mountains, so the goggles protect against the snow and keep my eyes from drying out."

Tyler Kost [11]

"Racquetball requires eye protection because my gym class gets pretty intense during the game. Someone could lose an eye."

Kate Myers [11]

"Basically, you wear goggles for swimming so you can see under water. You have to be able to see the walls and stuff."

Letizia Collini [9]

"I don't really wear ski goggles. They are pretty useless and overpriced, to be honest."

Logan Krause [11]

"You have to make sure you wear goggles in chemistry class so that you don't accidentally get any dangerous chemicals in your eyes."

Tatiana Cloud [12]

can you see the result

1) Kelsie Schafer [10] mixes sugar, water, and corn starch to make rock candy. She flavored her candy to taste like watermelon.

2) Cole Insko [11] pours different chemicals into lab beakers for Mrs. Palmiero's [fac.] in-class assignment.

3) Shaylee Dumbaugh [11] and her lab group stir together all their ingredients for an experiment.

4) In his seventh period Chemistry lab, Gavyn Hohman [11] pours a mixture into a separate container.

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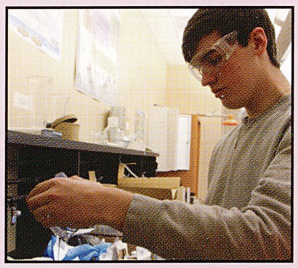

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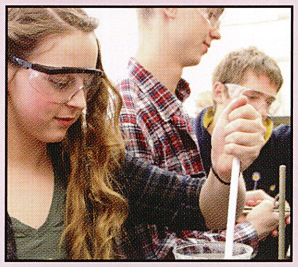

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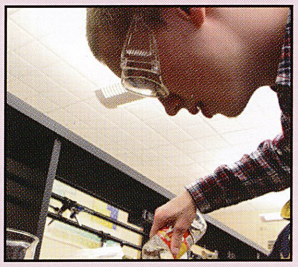

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Big letter, little letter...

Using a compound light microscope, Jacob Nelson [10] observes individual letters from a newspaper at different powers. "Finding a small letter on a slide is a lot harder than it sounds," Nelson said. He had Mrs. Taliani for Biology in room 129.

eye to eye

students pick the right spectacles

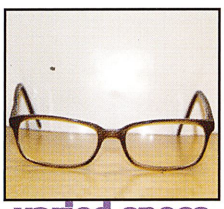
Usually at the beginning of every year, Nurse Ray [fac.] starts her daunting task of administering vision tests to the entire student body, one by one. Sometimes, a student's vision barely changed.

Brandi Cramer [12] said, "I think that I've had the same vision forever. I've just never needed glasses."

Conversely, some students had changes in their vision that seemed quite bizarre and unique.

Steve Cox [12] said, "I've worn contact lenses for about six months. Because of that, my vision has actually improved after changing from glasses."

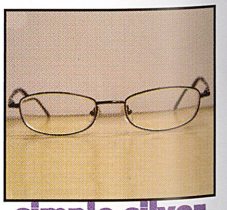
Still, those who chose to don glasses picked frames that best reflected their personalities and inherent senses of style.



varied specs

"I liked the shape and color of my glasses. No one else I know has ones like them, and that's why I like them."

Hannah Hohman [12]



simple silver

"I chose these glasses because I liked their color and shape. They were really a great fit for me."

Jen Cravener [11]

Eye of the needle...

In the nursery lab with Mrs. McCluske [fac.] in room 140, Jazmine Lawhorn [11] attempts to thread a needle through its eye. Lawhorn said, "I hate how the hole is always so small. Just when you think you get the thread through, it splits into two shreds. It's so frustrating." At home, Lawhorn had to stitch a chair cushion to keep it from ripping further.

photo: *k. aller* [11]

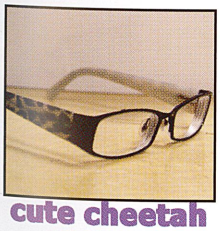
stumbling blocks

Dan Runnan [13]

I have dealt with some difficult times over the years, but as I reflect on them now, I guess they weren't that bad. The truth is everyone has to overcome certain things, and even though it may be hard at times, people just have to look onward, be optimistic, and be thankful for all the good in their lives. So no, I am not going to talk about specific scenarios of my past because that won't change it. I'd rather give some encouraging words for people. Everyone has made mistakes, everyone has problems, but things will get better with each passing day.

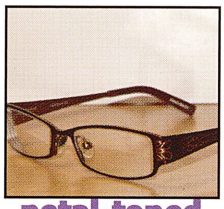
Patrick Emricks [12]

The hardest thing to overcome in life is life itself. There is no telling how long it is going to last or what path must be taken for the best outcome. A single life can be taken away as fast as you can snap your fingers; then it is gone forever. That is why it is important to live life to the fullest and as best as you can. The sky is the limit. Go out and make something of yourself while you still can. Don't let anything stop you from pursuing your dreams, and never let anyone tell you that you don't matter.



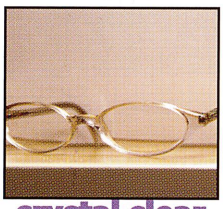
cute cheetah

"I picked these because I liked the cheetah print design. I thought they were very fashionable."
Courtney Stinebiser [11]



petal-toned

"I really like my frames. The shape of them fits my face well. I like the designs on the sides of them."
Katie Ludwig [9]

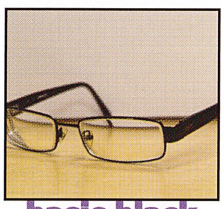


crystal clear

"I got clear because I didn't like the idea of having glasses; I thought they would be less noticeable."
Emma Lloyd [11]

universal

"I picked these glasses because they are universal, and everybody should look good in them."
Nolan Pepka [10]



basic black

"I felt they fit really well, with the look of intelligence and fun-lovingness that I was looking for."
Dom Brigaman [12]

"I play Minecraft a lot. Sometimes, it's hard to believe that the world isn't also blocked."
Luke McElroy [9]

vital vocabulary

buddy lingo

cooperation

Act of working together for a common purpose or benefit; joint action.

"I have cooperation with my boss at Grandma's flower shop. I do what she asks me to do."

Dylon Hughan-Fick [12]

safety

Protection from harm; state of being safe.

"A safety rule for swimming is: do not go in the deep end if you are not a good swimmer."

Matthew Guyer [9]

buddy

Friend; someone who helps and assists.

"The Buddies are nice to us because they help us do our work and are a lot of fun to be with."

Ryan Chepkevich [12]

photo: *m. leezer* [fac.]

Top of the class...

Just before Halloween, Nathaniel Farabaugh [9] tops shortcakes off with strawberries. Buddy Hannah Gentile [12] said, "The kids really enjoyed eating their fruity desserts." The students made various other sweets throughout the year.

photo: *j. herstek* [12]

working with the kids in 405 was a really heart-felt time. we got to know them all so well.

Jessica Hornyak [12]

Off to the big bird...

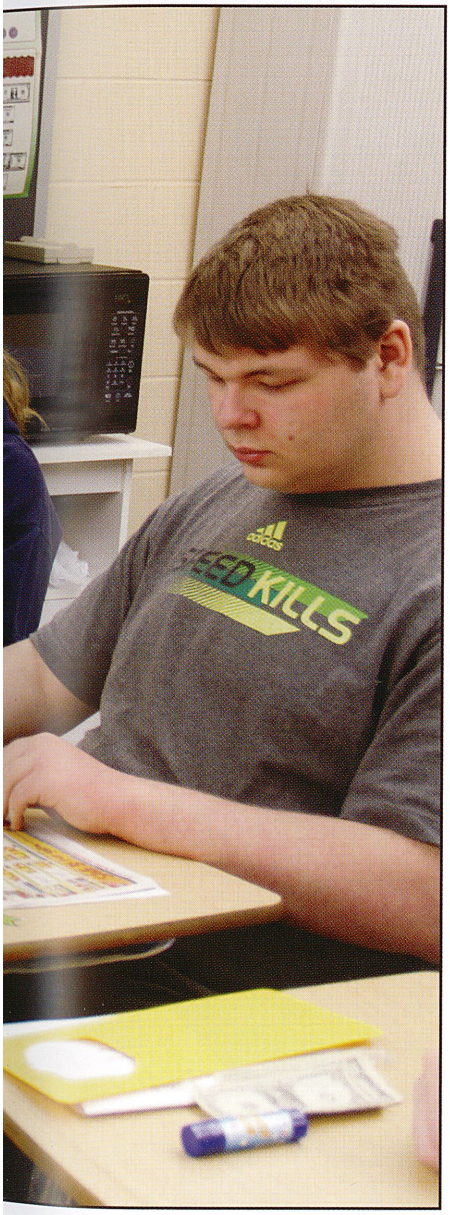
With their Giant Eagle ads in front of them, Nathaniel Farabaugh [9], Cora Burkett [10], Rachel Wetmore [10], and Dylon Hughan-Fick prepare shopping lists for class. Buddy Janessa Young [12] said, "It was important that everyone knew how to appropriately divide up their money for items needed."

who what where when why

Smooth as silk...

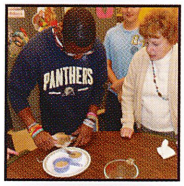
Using the blender, Matt Guyer [9] and Leroy Thorpe [10] mix orange smoothies for the class. Buddy Janessa Young [12] said, "The kids learned the importance of cleaning up after making food." The students took turns cleaning up on a rotating basis.

photo: m. leezer [fac.]

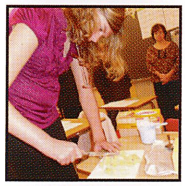


Who: Ryan Chepkevich [12]
What: measuring out ingredients
When: 9:19 AM on 10/10/12
Where: room 405
Why: to learn measuring increments

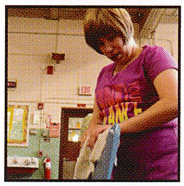
Who: Dylon Hughan-Fick [12]
What: mixing ingredients
When: 9:27 AM on 10/10/12
Where: room 405
Why: to bake cookies



Who: Jesse Hutchinson [12]
What: leveling off ingredients
When: 9:34 AM on 10/10/12
Where: room 405
Why: to learn how to get precise measurements

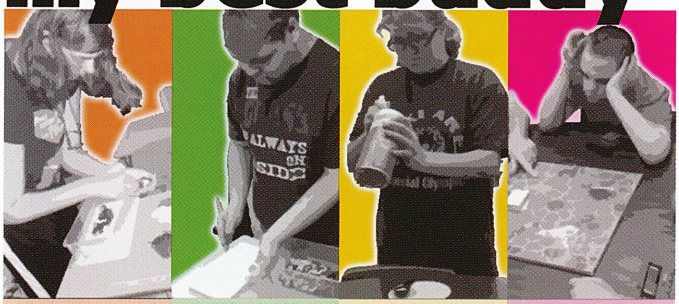


Who: Cora Burkett [10]
What: slicing cheese
When: 10:32 AM on 12/6/12
Where: room 405
Why: to make grilled cheese sandwiches



Who: Denae George [12]
What: cleaning the chairs
When: 12:43 PM on 10/15/12
Where: N. Westmoreland Vo-Tech School
Why: to practice household chores

my best buddy



What about those learners made you love them?

"Cora is always a sweetheart. She's really good at cooking and basketball. I'll miss her next year."
Hannah Gentile [12]

"Dylon tells lots of funny jokes. He's really good at spelling. I can't believe he's a senior this year."
Levi Naughton [12]

"Rachel always keeps peace in the room. She has a way of making sure that everyone's taken care of."
Morgan Leasure [12]

"Brian is always smiling. He has a way of making you feel good, even when you're having a bad day."
Samm Shirey [12]

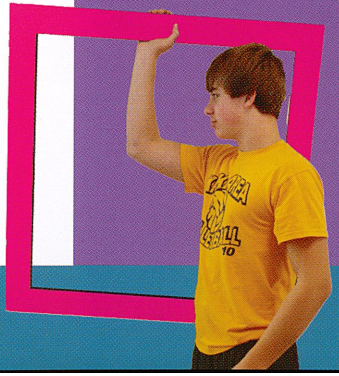
stumbling blocks

Kathryn Oliver [12]

I went through a depression . I was really mad all the time, hated everyone, and truly thought everyone hated me. Because of this, I got in fights all the time. This led me to be put on probation and got me in the hospital because I lost sight in my eye and developed stomach ulcers. After nine months of probation, a year and a half of therapy, and surrounding myself with friends and family, I got better. Now, I love life and smile everyday. I couldn't have ever done it alone though.

Hannah Moore [12]

The hardest thing I had to go through was the death of a family member. It is very hard for anyone to lose someone who is close to them. With the right support from my friends and family, I got through it. They were there to grieve with me. They also talked to me and told me how everything would be okay. Having people who can help you makes it easier because they support you; they also keep your mind off of things. Without my amazing friends there to help me get through the bad times, I do not know where I would be.



"I just love Lego blocks."
Caddis Coscarelli [9]

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1) During practice, Dutch Shaffer [11] dribbles the soccer ball. The boys' soccer team made playoffs with a 15-3-2 final record.

2) Locked in a complicated situtation, Shawn McGowan [12] wrestles his Penn Trafford opponent. McGowan wrestled at the 160 pound bracket for the season.

3) Delivering a fastball, Noah Hansen [9] follows through. The ninth grade team played only one game on the varsity field.

4) Emerged in water, Angelo Principe [11] practices his breaststroke. In the summer, Principe swam for the *Cavalier Swim Club.*

5) Playing the Plum Mustangs, Adam Robison [12] drives through the hole looking for an easy two points. The hometown boys ended up winning the game by 13 points.

6) At a track meet at Penn Hills, Zach Fitzsimmons [12] high jumps. Fitzsimmons participated in track for five years.

Sports

athletics check it out

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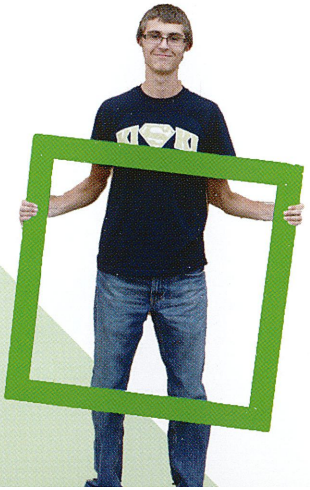
You are ahead by a touchdown, but the other team has the ball. Time keeps winding down, and only one thing stands between your team and a much sought after victory: one crucial block. Such situations transpired in various sports throughout the year. Jake Seagriff [12] said, "Late in the game, it only becomes more important to make that big block. A big block near the end line could either lead to a game winning rush or a tackle for a loss."

On the basketball court, a late game block proved equally important. Michael Simmons [10] said, "There were only seconds left in a two point game against Norwin last year. Their point guard drove coast to coast, but I made a clean block that ended the game and preserved a well deserved victory."

The vitality of blocks certainly related to soccer. As the starting goalie of a playoff-bound soccer team, Brandon Smail [11] hoped for nothing but blocked shots.

"I blocked shots like it was my sole purpose in life. Still, I did so because blocking shots was my one and only job. Let's face it, I was pretty good at that job," Smail said.

Whether on the five yard line, the court, or the field, blocking remained an integral part in sports; certainly, a great block could change the game.



"I try to block out people on the sidelines during my races."
Pat Miller [11]

the scores

varsity football

Connellsville (22/14) – W
Altoona (7/0) – W
Gateway (14/55) – L
Hempfield (21/42) – L
Pine Richland (14/31) – L
Norwin (36/13) – W
Penn Trafford (0/27) – L
McKeesport (6/20) – L
Latrobe (41/14) – W
Up. St. Clair (0-49) – L (playoff)
Record: 4–6–0

jv football

Connellsville (20/0) – W
Altoona (6/12) – L
Gateway (0/20) – L
Hempfield – cancelled
Pine Richland (14/14) – T
Norwin (0/8) – L
Penn Trafford (7/20) – L
McKeesport – cancelled
Latrobe (36/22) – W
Record: 2–4–1

boys' soccer

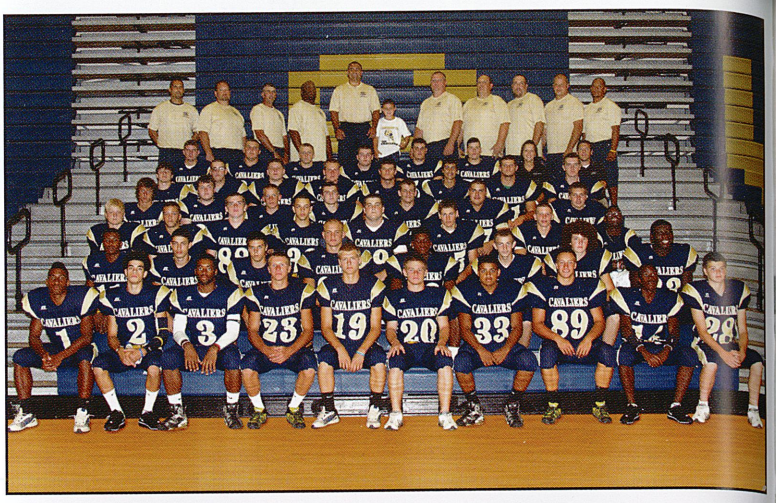
Upper St. Clair (0/1) – L
Norwin (4/1) – W
Gateway (6/1) – W
Hempfield (3/1) – W
Butler (1/0) – W
Franklin Regional (1/1) – T
Latrobe (2/0) – W
Connellsville (3/1) – W
Penn Trafford (3/2) – W
Norwin (2/1) – W
North Allegheny (1/1) – T
Hempfield (2/3) – L
Penn Trafford (2/0) – W
Latrobe (5/1) – W
Connellsville (2/0) – W
Hampton (3/2) – W
Franklin Regional (4/2) – W
Burrell (2/0) – W
N. Allegheny (1/0) – W (playoff)
Pine Rich. (0/1) – L (playoff)
Record: 15–3–2

girls' soccer

Penn Trafford (0/4) – L
Butler (0/1) – L
Norwin (0/3) – L
Fox Chapel (0/7) – L
Burrell (5/1) – W
Hempfield (0/2) – L
Franklin Regional (2/4) – L
Latrobe (0/) – L
Shaler (0/1) – L
Connellsville (4/2) – W
Penn Trafford (1/4) – L
Norwin (1/4) – L
Hempfield (3/2) – W
Latrobe (1/2) – L
Connellsville (3/1) – W
Pine Richland (0/6) – L
Franklin Regional (1/2) – L
Record: 4–13–0

varsity football

Front Row: Lincoln Clayton, Ricky Carter, Patrick Turner, Joey Brungo, Adam Mitcheson, Jacob Ardellitz, Alyk Harris, Blake Bachner, Demitrious Robinson, David Rottschaeffer; *Row Two:* Donivel Evans, Tanner George, AJ Linnert, Shane Kuhn, James Roundtree, Justin Gregory, Tanner Shick, Tufton Green; *Row Three:* Dom Bonelli, Kris Booker, Vance Walker, Alex Polka, Jake McClarnon, Anthony Iacovino, Mike Siszka, Jesse Hutchinson; *Row Four:* Chad Kuhn, Allen Nevin, Andrew Kenzevich, Jordan Hessom, Matt Lucas, Bill Sarraf, Matt Schmude; *Row Five:* Jesse Botti, Matt Brunelle, Jason Anderson, Zach Fitzsimmons, Jake Wiskeman, Billy Johnson, Josh Wiskeman, Jake Reid; *Back Row:* Coach Cappa, Coach Crider, Coach McKenzie, Coach Chambers, Coach Heavner, Coach Biss, Coach Dudjak, Coach Thompson, Coach Roland, Coach Juarez.



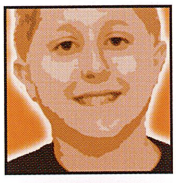
ninth grade football

Front Row: Luke Poydence, Russell Simms, Tanner Knapp, Ty Travaglia, Alex Ferraccio, Kyle Orris, Baylee Summerhill, Nate Coleman; *Row Two:* Garrett Stadler, DJ Troup, Alec Eshenbaugh, Jordan DeGore, Cameron Turner, Deshawon Bracy, Zach McClarnon, Austin Simmons, Dalton Prew; *Back Row:* Jacob Domiano, Tim Collins, Jack Tamasy, Ethan Joyner, Jake Mayo, Dean Urbanski, Caddis Coscarelli, Michael Iacovino, Alex Hill, Hunter Foy, Noah Sharek, Coach Dellamonache.

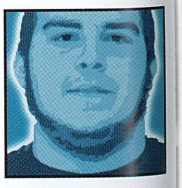
U won't block my

Why do you think that the Steelers did not make the playoffs this year?

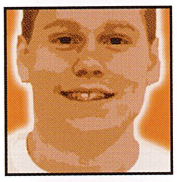
"They had a poor secondary. Also, the o-line was very sloppy. They need to get younger linebackers."
Kyle Orris [9]



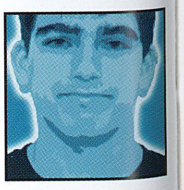
"It's hard to win games with so many injuries. Also, they just didn't beat teams that they should have easily beaten."
Andrew Yohe [12]



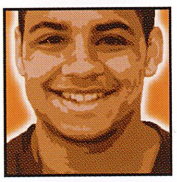
"The Steelers are an old defense, but young defense team. They need a new group of linebackers and interior linemen."
Zach Fitzsimmons [12]



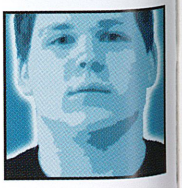
"The Steelers need more practice on a lot of skills. They need to work on special teams and basic skills in catching the ball."
Alex Hill [9]



"I think they just had a bad year. They need to work on the things that will get them back to the team that they usually are."
Alyk Harris [10]



"They need to adjust to a new defensive system and call the plays better."
Jason Anderson [12]



boys' soccer

Front Row: Edward-James Gardner, Zach Wilson, Garrett Shaffer, Mitchell Giordano, Jake Murray, Nick Mascolo, Jacob Slaugenhaupt; *Row Two:* Matt Cecchetti, Billy Oplinger, Zach Fisher, Tyler Nelson, Andrew Brock, Alex Baxter, Zach Ferraccio, Tom Bruno, Christian Fox; *Row Three:* Tyler Graham, Matt Dziadosz, Nathan Kiebler, Brandon Smail, Brian Komoroski, Nick Malagari, Dutch Shaffer, Ryan Kanner; *Row Four:* Coach Arnold, Michael Smith, Ben Fiore, Jared DeGore, Matt Duncan, Adam Zidek, Zach Choltco, Zach Geiselhart, Coach Wright; *Back Row:* Ian Moorhead, Reno Zaffina, Keegan Brock, Adam Malagari, Dakota Lange, Tyler Young.

girls' soccer

Front Row: Leanna Barkley, Casey Nasetka, Paige Krug, Jackie Graham, Nicole Caldwell, Sammy Nepsa; *Row Two:* Janessa Young, Katie Clever, Lizzy Wilkinson, Tara Stolarski, Stephanie Sikora, Anna Akins, Hannah Milheim, Kylie Weber; *Row Three:* Stacey Sikora, Jess Yohe, Hannah Steele, Sierra Shepherd, Jordyn Palla, Rachael Winiesky, Delaney Colder; *Back Row:* Coach Sharek, Mary-Kate Barker, Allison Lohr, Taylor Morlacci, Leah Deitt, Kaitlin Myers, Erin Antoniono, Coach Koch.

opinion on that...

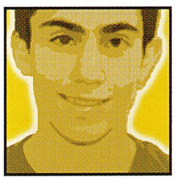
What was the craziest moment of the whole season?

"I'd have to say the craziest moment was when I punched a girl in the face and got away with it. What can I say? I'm a scrapper." *Katie Clever* [12]

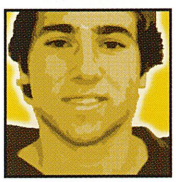
"The craziest moment happened in the first playoff game. Smail saved a few shots that should have been goals. We won the match in a shootout." *Jake Murray* [9]

"Our coaches played a bad prank on us. They thought it would be funny to have us run the worst drill ever called the Manchester Run." *Taylor Morlacci* [9]

"The craziest moment of the season was when Coach Melisa told us to run the Manchester United Run. We were not happy." *Sierra Shepherd* [11]



"I think the craziest moment of the whole season was when Brandon Smail made some great saves in the first playoff game." *Reno Zaffina* [10]



"The craziest moment was when we won the first playoff game and everyone rushed the field to tackle our goalie for making some incredible saves." *Zach Fisher* [12]

stumbling blocks

AJ Linnert [12]

The hardest thing I had to do was deal with the death of my grandmother and then deal through my depression. Just as I was dealing with my gram's death, many other problems had occurred, and I spiraled into a depression. My gram meant everything to me, and she was a big part of my life. Everyday after school, I would walk to her house and visit with her. As hard as it was to watch her go, we spent a long life together. She is buried within a mile of me, so I can visit her all the time.

Mikhail Murdock [12]

My grandma passed away a couple years ago. This was hard for me because I was close with her, and it was my first family death experience. The death was hard for my entire family. We all got through it together. Instead of grieving on the fact that she was gone, we remembered the wonderful times we had with her. My family stayed together and got through her death in a healthy way. I know today that my family and I miss her and remember how lovable she was.

"I've seen Joe Brungo block a lot of kids in my day on the basketball court." Jordan Kiebler [12]

the scores

boys' golf

Franklin Regional (202/205) – W
Knoch (202/209) – W
Plum (214/226) – W
Woodland Hills (210/251) – W
Gateway (188/226) – W
Fox Chapel (224/204) – L
Penn Trafford (205/204) – L
Franklin Regional (200/205) – W
Valley (210/198) – L
Hampton (148/137) – L
Penn Hills (201/247) – W
Gateway (224/228) – W
Plum (211/221) – W
Woodland Hills (205/238) – W
Fox Chapel (214/193) – L
Penn Hills (204/239) – W
Record: 11–5

girls' golf

Gateway (179/239) – W
Shadyside (205/201) – L
Penn Trafford (201/153) – L
Norwin (175/222) – W
Fox Chapel (189/194) – W
Franklin Regional (187/179) – L
Franklin Regional (204/188) – L
Gateway (191/226) – W
Shadyside (182/185) – W
Norwin (193/215) – W
Penn Trafford (193/159) – L
Fox Chapel (218/231) – W
Indiana (200/196) – L
Indiana (191/190) – L
Record: 7–7

varsity baseball

Kittanning – A
Hampton – H
Gateway – H
Burrell –A
McKeesport – H
Plum – A
Penn Trafford – A
Hempfield – H
Connellsville – A
Albert Gallatin – H
Greater Latrobe – A
Norwin – H
Woodland Hills – A
Fox Chapel – H
Penn Trafford – H
Hempfield – A
Connellsville – H
Albert Gallatin – A
Greater Latrobe – H
Norwin – A
Penn Hills – A
Knoch – H
WPIAL Championships – A

(*Note:* JV baseball plays the same teams on the same dates as varsity but at the opposite location.)

boys' golf

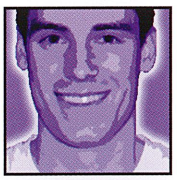
Front Row: Frank Longo, Ryan Sciullo, Jordan Kiebler, Doug Donatelli, Brad Ziegler, Brian Veitch, Connor Smotzer; *Back Row:* Paul Zanotti, Rick Dengler, Jason Schall, Tyler Paunovich, Jacob Firek, Sye Lynch. (Absent from photo: Adam Robison).

girls' golf

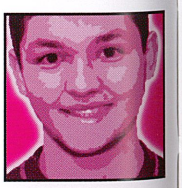
Front Row: Jordyn Palla, Kelsey Kinnamon; *Back Row:* Rachel Weyant, Louisa Gibson, Theresa Gibson, Chelsea Thompson, Coach Gibson.

U won't block my

If you could choose one team's home course to play on for life, which would you pick?

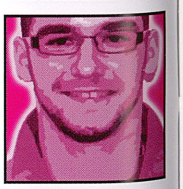


"Oakmont Country Club... because it has exciting greens and the whole course is fantastic." *Brad Ziegler* [12]

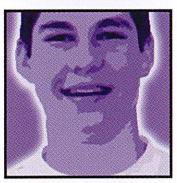


"I would pick Fox Chapel's course because professionals have played there, and it's a really nice course compared to our home course." *Ryan Sciullo* [12]

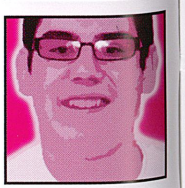
"Fox Chapel's Pittsburgh Field Club... because I just feel that classy." *Chelsea Thompson* [12]



"I would choose Fox Chapel's course because it is arguably the best course in the WPIAL. It's also very challenging." *Jordan Kiebler* [12]



"I love golfing on Fox Chapel's home course, the Pittsburgh Field Club. It is definitely the nicest course I have ever played on." *Tyler Paunovich* [11]



"Fox Chapel's course... because it has the best fairways and greens that I've ever played on. I'd also save myself a lot of money." *Brian Veitch* [11]

varsity baseball

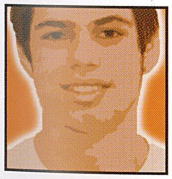
Front Row: Ian Moorhead, Cameron Smail, Ryan Sciullo, Vincent Ribar, Tyler Graham; *Row Two:* Michael DePanicis, Andrew Kenzevich, Brandon Smail, Jack Emmerling, Bobby Reed, Jake Poremski; *Back Row:* Levi Naughton, Doug Donatelli, Coach Schwarz, Justin Stascak, Troy Glendenning.

jv baseball

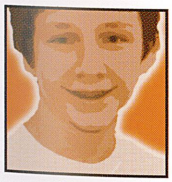
Front Row: Ty Travaglia, Caddis Coscarelli, John Bowser, Noah Hansen, Jake Satterfield; *Row Two:* Connor Smotzer, Brian Komoroski, Tyler Young, Tyler Morabito, Trent Mator, Nick Luciano; *Back Row:* Jon Fink, Josh Bell, Jason Schall, Matthew Kish.

opinion on that...

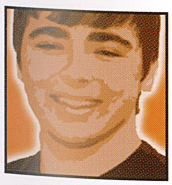
Which pro player would you love to spend the day with and why?



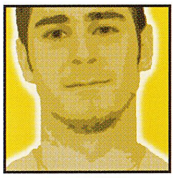
"If I spend one day with one player, I'd pick Andrew McCutcheon because he's my favorite player on the Pirate's team and in all of major league baseball."
Jack Emmerling [11]



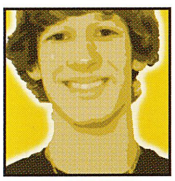
"If I could spend the day with one pro player, I would spend it with Chase Utley. I'd choose him because he is my favorite second baseman, what I play."
Jake Satterfield [9]



"I would choose Justin Verlander. I'd choose him because he's a team leader and could provide valuable information on the game."
Ian Morrill [9]



"Brian Wilson... he's one of the best closers in the game, probably the most intense person in the game, and has, by far, the best beard in the game."
Doug Donatelli [12]



"I would spend my day with MLB player Joe Mauer. I'd pick him because Joe is the player that I want to become."
Jake Poremski [9]

"I would hang out with Pedro Alvarez. He is one of my favorite players. He's a good hitter and a good fielder."
Brian Komoroski [10]

stumbling blocks

Ashley Vermeulen [12]

One of the hardest times I've ever had to go through in my life was having to lose both of my grandparents at the same time. I got through it because my family helped me through it, and I did the same for my family. The worst part was having to bury them and say goodbye for the last time ever. It was hard, but my family helped me to understand that they are in a much better place now. Also, it was best that they went at the same time so one didn't have to be without the other.

Kearston Turner [11]

Last year, during tennis season, I hurt my hip during a match. Dumb me, I kept playing even after it happened, and I ended up injuring myself more. I was on crutches for a month; then, I could not do any physical activity for two months after that. Still, I was lucky enough to get out of pool class. It took me a half a year to fully recover. When I overdo it, I still feel a little bit of pain. Still, I'm just glad that I'm allowed to do anything that I want. I suppose that I just have to be careful now.

"I block the skaters out in my hockey games."
RJ Bouch [10]

the scores

boys' cross country

Red/White/Blue Invite (10th/60)
Carlisle Invite (14th/24)
Alderdice (22/35) – W
Central Catholic (29/27) – L
Fox Chapel (31/26) – L
Gateway (21/34) – W
Highlands (15/50) – W
Penn Hills (18/43) – W
Plum (27/29) – W
Woodland Hills (15/50) – W
WCCA Championships (1st/10)
Tri-State Championships (7th/67)
WPIAL Championships (6th/34)
Record: 6–2–0

girls' cross country

Red/White/Blue Invite (20th/47)
Carlisle Invite (7th/15)
Alderdice (16/43) – W
Fox Chapel (17/39) – W
Gateway (16/44) – W
Oakland Catholic (20/35) – W
Highlands (15/48) – W
Penn Hills (16/47) – W
Plum (15/44) – W
Woodland Hills (15/50) – W
WCCA Championships (1st/10)
Tri-State Championships (6th/62)
WPIAL Championships (8th/28)
Record: 8–0

boys' tennis

Greensburg Salem – H
Franklin Regional – A
Norwin – H
Penn Trafford – A
Greater Latrobe – A
Hempfield – H
Connellsville – A
Greensburg Salem – A
Franklin Regional – H
Norwin – A
Penn Trafford – H
Greater Latrobe – H
Hempfield – A
Connellsville – H
PIAA Team Championships – A
PIAA Singles/Doubles Cham. – H

girls' tennis

Penn Trafford (1/4) – L
Franklin Regional (0/5) – L
Greensburg Salem (5/0) – W
Hempfield (0/5) – L
Norwin (0/5) – L
Latrobe (1/4) – L
Connellesville (3/2) – W
Penn Trafford (0/5) – L
Franklin Regional (0/5) – L
Greensburg Salem (4/1) – W
Hempfield (0/5) – L
Latrobe (3/2) – W
Norwin (0/5) – L
Connellsville (3/2) – W
Record: 5–9

boys' cross country

Front Row: Justin Stascak, Conner Bardine, Tyler Snider, Dan Antoniono; *Row Two:* John Rottschaefer, Brandon Fello, Matthew Kish, Jacob MacLean, Anthony D'Incau; *Back Row:* Micah Reese, Logan Krause, Bryce Nelson, Patrick Miller, Nathan Blankenbicker, JD Fahnestock, Brent Kennedy.

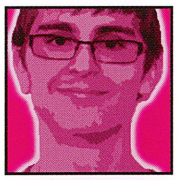
girls' cross country

Front Row: Jayne Hohman, Marissa McCullough, Morgan Kiebler; *Row Two:* Katie Shick, Abby Frech, Lindsey Caldwell, Letizia Collini; *Back Row:* Stephanie Lednak, Megan Aller,Lauren Smeltzer.

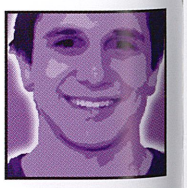
U won't block my

What's the strangest thing you ever encountered on a casual run at home?

"The strangest thing I ever encountered on a run at home was a chicken that wouldn't move but then followed me down the road." *Patrick Miller* [11]



"While running on the Apollo Trail, I once saw a large snake fall out of a tree." *Lee Downey* [11]

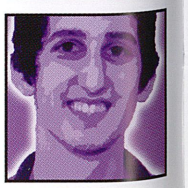


"While I was running through my neighborhood, I saw my teammate, Conner Bardine. I had no idea that his aunt was my next door neighbor." *Lauren Smeltzer* [10]

"The strangest thing I ever encountered was when I was running in the woods and saw a man skiing." *Megan Aller* [9]

"The strangest thing I ever saw while running through the woods was a man walking through the woods with a running chain saw." *Tyler Snider* [12]

"I would have to say that while running some trails near my house, I encountered a fire pit filled with beer cans surrounded by deer." *Conner Bardine* [12]



boys' tennis

Front Row: Thad Paunovich, Tyler Paunovich, Charles Law, Jake Murray; *Row Two:* Ryan Kanner, Dutch Shaffer, Caleb Byles; *Back Row:* Paul Murray, Tanner Shick, Matt Pulsifer, Tyler Kost.

girls' tennis

Front Row: Alexa Cramer, Amber Vozar, Jacqueline Cavendish, Alexis Satterfield; *Row Two:* Hannah Dilick, Kearston Turner, Emma Rosensteel, Coach Antenucci; *Back Row:* Aimee Pizarchik, Lily Gongaware, Cecily Petrarca, Shannon Sebak, Lauren Lizik.

opinion on that...

You have to pick a student in the school (not on the team) as your partner. Whom do you pick?

"I would choose Sydney Hessom. She's really athletic, and I think that she could catch on very quickly. She's also very hand-eye coordinated."
Lily Gongaware [9]

"I would pick anyone except Andrew Yohe because we cannot play a game without fighting. He's such a sore loser."
Alexis Satterfield [12]

"I would probably have to choose Kyle Orris because he would make the game very entertaining."
Aimee Pizarchik [9]

"Mrs. Kubenic would be my partner because she's a very talented gym teacher, and I love her."
Thad Paunovich [12]

"I would have to pick Mitch Murdock because he's just a nice guy."
Sean DeCarlo [12]

"I would choose Matt McCutcheon because he's good at everything."
Zach Ferraccio [12]

stumbling blocks

Sabrina Armor [10]

My most difficult time was when my aunt passed away. She was very close to me, and it hurt really bad when she died. It was really hard for me to get over, but I had my family, and they were there for me. They would always tell me that she is in a better place. I also had my friend Keish by my side through the whole ordeal. My one friend Devon gave me the biggest hug on the day of the funeral, and that lifted my spirits. It's really true when they say that time heals everything. Since then, I've come to realize that my aunt really is in a better place.

Tory Jackson [11]

While I've had many difficult times in my life, the worst was when my best friend was diagnosed with a cancerous tumor at the age of 16. We went through ups and downs with her treatment; she had good times and bad times. Just when we thought she was getting better, things took a turn for the worse, and she ended up losing her battle. The hardest part for me was watching her slowly exit my life. She passed away in the summer of 2007, and I miss her so much.

"I really can't stand to wear sunblock."
Katie Lewis [9]

the scores

boys' & girls' track

Franklin Regional – A
Knoch – H
Highlands – A
Kittanning – H
Hampton – A
Mars – H
Valley – A
WCCA at Burrell – A
WPIAL Semis at Mars – A
Baldwin Invite at Baldwin – A
WPIAL Indiv. Qual. at Norwin – A
WPIAL Team Finals at Norwin – A
WPIAL Indiv. Finals at Norwin – A
PIAA Championships at Norwin – A

varsity softball

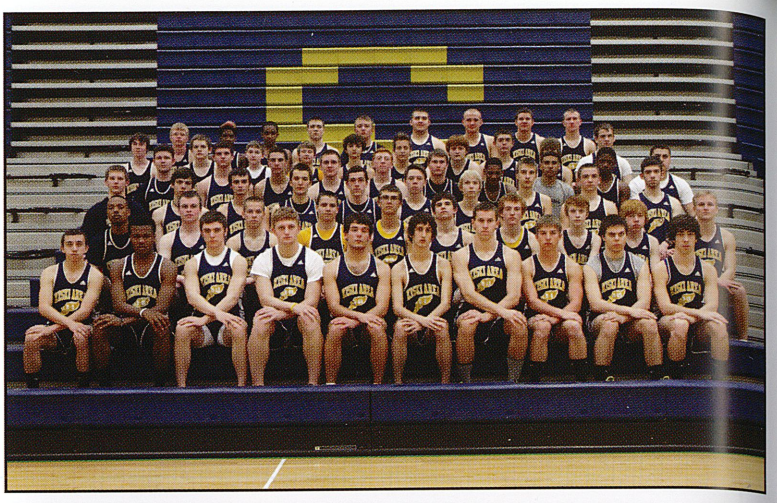
Burrell – H
Hampton – A
Highlands – H
Hempfield – H
Norwin – A
Leechburg – H
Connellsville – H
Penn Trafford – A
Greater Latrobe – H
Franklin Regional – A
Hempfield – A
Valley – A
Norwin – H
Connellsville – A
Penn Trafford – H
Greater Latrobe – A
Butler – A
Gateway – A
Franklin Regional – H
Penn Hills – H
WPIAL Championships – A

jv softball

Hempfield – A
Norwin – H
Leechburg – A
Connellsville – A
Penn Trafford – H
Greater Latrobe – A
Franklin Regional – H
Hempfield – H
Valley – H
Norwin – A
Connellsville – H
Penn Trafford – A
Greater Latrobe – H
Butler – H
Gateway – H
Franklin Regional – A

boys' track

Front Row: Livio Collini, Donivel Evans, Andrew Dickun, John Shannon, Tyler Lookabaugh, Conner Bardine, Jacob Wilson, Dan Antoniono, AJ Linnert, Frank Armello; *Row Two:* Luke Haines-Douglas, Kjell Thompson, TJ Previni, Patrick Miller, Anthony D'Incau, Brent Kennedy, John Rottschaefer, Jacob MacLean, Tyler Snider; *Row Three:* Mike Siszka, Logan Krause, Austin Linder, Corbin Neumann, Ben Kinnamon, Zachary Uncapher, JD Fahnestock, Bryce Nelson, Tim Collins, Micah Reese; *Row Four:* Matt Stephens, Zach Kuta, Jared DeGore, Dakota Lange, Matt Bisceglia, Zach Wilson, Joshua Swanson, Tre Talton, Edward-James Gardner, Bill Sarraf; *Row Five:* Erik Thompson, Christian Barker, Justin Lepovsky, Jacob Slaugenhaupt, Mitchell Giordano, Tanner Knapp, Patrick Thomas, Jack Tamasy, James Tonecha, Matt Lucas; *Back Row:* Eric Peterman, Jace Roundtree, Micah Minter, Alexander Delp, Chris Rosella, Andrew Yohe, Shane Kuhn, Jesse Noble, Joey Brungo.



girls' track

Front Row: Tara Ritenour, Marissa McCullough, Tatiana Cloud, Marisa Kish, Hannah Milheim; *Row Two:* Miranda Moses, Mariah Singerman, Sammy Nepsa, Morgan Kiebler, Katie Shick, Shaylee Dumbaugh; *Row Three:* Kayla Wadsworth, Ali Beck, Sierra Shepherd, Kelly Schreiber, Kali Hepburn, Daija Head, Leigh-Ann Liberto; *Row Four:* Mayah Bracy, Jayne Hohman, Letizia Collini, Megan Aller, Stephanie Lednak, Lindsey Caldwell, Kelsie Schafer, Hannah Strickengloss; *Back Row:* Anastasia Clayton, Jocelyn Insko, Rachael Buccicone, Leah Deitt, Dayle Scott, Lauren Smeltzer, Rachel Vanetta, Audrey DeMann.

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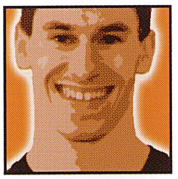
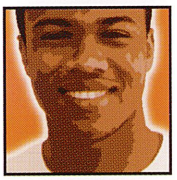
Why do you think that the high school track team does well year after year?

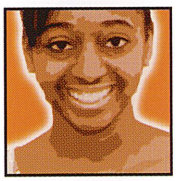
"We succeed because of great coaching and a dedication to excellence. Results reflect efforts, and we have both." *Jake Wilson* [12]



"I think it's because of hard training and dedication. Mr. VanHorn and Mr. Cellitti really helped us out a lot, both on and off the track field." *Donivel Evans* [12]



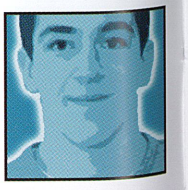
"The main influence on our success was our coach, Mr. VanHorn. He was always supportive and truly wanted us all to succeed." *Tatiana Cloud* [12]



"The Kiski Track Team does well because we all work hard and push each other to do well. In some way, we are like a weird family." *Mayah Bracy* [11]

"Kiski's track team always does well. It's because we all try to build each year and better ourselves to improve in every way." *Megan Wolczko* [10]

"The coaches really know what they are talking about, and everyone works really hard every day." *Ben Kinnamon* [11]



varsity softball

Front Row: Katherine Shaffer, Hannah Dilick, Samantha Zourelias, Branda Keibler, Morgan Orr; *Row Two:* Sydney Greece, Lyndsey Weiser, Maddie Antone, Kendra Mull, Taylor Muffie, Coach Haney; *Back Row:* Kelsey Bayer, Montana Churma, Emma Weaver, Kelsey Kinnamon, Megan Wolczko.

jv softball

Front Row: Kaitlan Kuras, Madison Leasure, Janine Whalen, Haley Bertges; *Row Two:* Raven Terrill, Gina Bankosh, Maddy Shaffer, Sammie Zourelias; *Back Row:* Hannah Rigatti, Mikayla Rupp, Marina Stascak, Coach Baker.

opinion on that...

Who on the team do you think could replace a boy on the baseball team?

"Maddie Antone... because she's very strong and competitive. She'll make any baseball player look weak. Sorry, guys."
Emily Verner [11]

"Without a doubt, Taylor Muffie or I would be the best. We both play hard and have the talent and drive to succeed."
Maddie Antone [12]

"Lexie Steele... because no one messes with her. That's my girl."
Jordan King [11]

"Probably me... because I'm fierce and get down and dirty."
Lexie Steele [11]

"Maddie Antone... she has what it takes to be better than any guy. She will kick your butt. Honestly, she would probably make the baseball team better."
Montana Churma [10]

"Taylor Muffie... because she's always willing to sacrifice her body for the sport."
Sydney Greece [12]

stumbling blocks

Mike Carson [10]

The most difficult time was when my grandma passed away. It was my friends and family who helped me to get through the entire thing. I remember being happy that they helped me through it because I didn't know what to do. When my grandma died, I just didn't know how to function correctly; I broke down crying and didn't want to do anything. I didn't want to go anywhere. I've learned that family and friends are the most important thing in your life, and you need them in your life, no matter what.

Tyler Nelson [12]

There I was, walking down the road at midnight and all of a sudden I heard a noise behind me, and I turned around. As I turned around, I saw a half man - half horse running me down, so out of reaction, I drew my sword and jumped on to the nearest deer I could find. I rode right at the beast. The horse-man ran into the bush and looked at me in fear. It had a nest in the bush, so I took its eggs and cooked them in the skillet right in front of it. I slayed the beast, and that is all.

" Follow @freakfaulk on Twitter. Don't block me."
Tyler Faulk [10]

the scores

girls' varsity volleyball

Laurel Highlands (0/3) – L
Butler (0/3) – L
Latrobe (3/1) – W
Penn Trafford (2/3) – L
Norwin (1/3) – L
Hempfield (3/0) – W
Connellsville (3/0) – W
Franklin Regional (3/0) – W
Laurel Highlands (3/0) – W
Latrobe (3/1) – W
Penn Trafford (0/3) – L
Norwin (2/3) – L
Hempfield (2/3) – L
Franklin Regional (3/0) – W
Record: 7–7

boys' varsity bb

Central Catholic (50/60) – L
Johnstown (53/55) – L
Plum (57/50) – W
Penn Hills (63/43) – W
Latrobe (52/53) – L
Norwin (28/37) – L
Butler (52/39) – W
Keystone Oaks (87/76) – W
Hampton (53/54) – L
Connellsville (54/42) – W
Albert Gallatin (64/29) – W
Penn Trafford (54/21) – W
Hempfield (39/35) – W
Valley (69/36) – W
Latrobe (61/51) – W
Norwin (52/49) – W
Albert Gallatin (63/23) – W
Connellsville (62/29) – W
Penn Trafford (48/44) – W
Hempfield (41/51) – L
Greensburg Salem (58/44) – W
Laurel Highlands – H
Fox Chapel – H

(*Note:* Regular season not completed at time of submission. Hence, we could not provide the final record.)

girls' volleyball

Front Row: Annalise Scanga, Lyndsey Weiser, Shannon McAdoo, Kaylie Dilts, Maddie Antone, Julianna Jankowski, Ciaira Price, Tatiana Cloud, Stephanie Matesic; *Row 2:* Jordan King, Patricia Berry, Maggie McDermott, Nicole Townsend, Sydney Hessom, Rylee O'Hara, Gracie McDermott, Jensen York; *Row 3:* Coach Jones, Kelly Schreiber, Megan McKeever, Ashton Prusia, Jenna Prusia; *Back Row:* Coach Clair, Alexis Beck, Jenna Dilts, Autumn Colamarino, Liz Recchia, Thad Paunovich, Rachel Frye, Darlene Galiszewski, Bailey Seagriff, Alexandra Seaholm, Coach Toy.

varsity boys' bb

Coach Touchstone, Ryan Sciullo, Davon Thompkins, Michael Simmons, Joey Brungo, Adam Robison, Nickolas Stone, Mitchell Murdock, Jacob Reid, Lincoln Clayton, James Roundtree, Coach Rideout.

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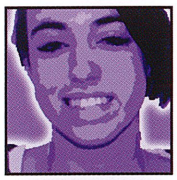
The team just lost Jenna Prusia, but not her soul. Search your heart for loving words to her.

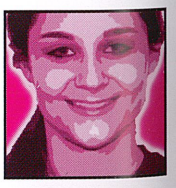
"Even though it's tough, I know you'd want me to smile. Thank you for the memories. I will see you soon. I love you, beautiful." *Gracie McDermott* [11]



"No one left her heart on the court quite like you did. I'd do anything to see your smile again. I love you." *Jordan King* [11]

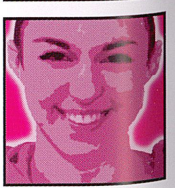
"Your beautiful smile brightened our hearts. Your beautiful strength will help us heal. Now, you're an angel, leaving your beauty in us all." *Tatiana Cloud* [12]

"Jenna, I have no final words for you because you're now my guardian angel who will be with me forever. I love you." *Tricia Berry* [11]



"I think about you every day. I miss your unique smile and laugh. You were and always will be my best friend. I love you, beautiful angel." *Rachel Frye* [11]

"Jenna, you were an angel, on and off the court. You were such a great individual and I'm glad you've touched my life so much." *Maggie McDermott* [10]



jv boys' basketball

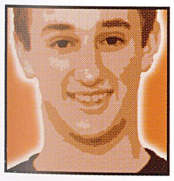
Front Row: James Ross, James Roundtree, Trejon Talton; *Row 2:* Kris Booker, Noah Hansen; *Back Row:* Davon Thompkins, Jason Schall, Jacob Reid, Lincoln Clayton, Austin Schmittler, Coach Touchstone.

ninth boys' bb

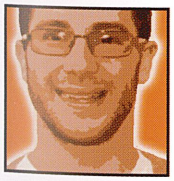
Front Row: Justin Lepovsky, Tanner Knapp, Jace Roundtree; *Row 2:* Justice Evans, Nick Sofaly, Keshawn Peterson, Eric Majersky; *Back Row:* Tim Collins, Deshawon Bracy, Jon Bracy, Nate Blankenbicker, Matt Pulsifer, Nick Madzy.

opinion on that...

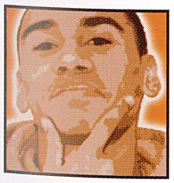
Since you all can handle, who's the best lookin' guy on the team?



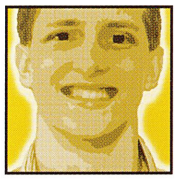
"The best lookin' guy on the team is Ryan Sciullo, especially since he knocked his teeth out this season."
Noah Hansen [9]



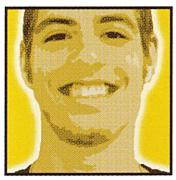
"Semaj is the best looking guy, by far. His flat top is better than Gerald's from *Hey Arnold.*"
Nick Stone [12]



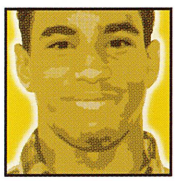
"Well, I personally know that I'm the best looking guy on the team. In fact, there's no one who even comes close to my good looks."
Tre Talton [10]



"Well, I can tell you who *thinks* he's the best looking on the team... Robo."
Mitch Murdock [12]

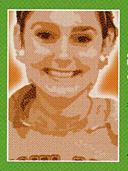


"I believe that Jake Reid is the best looking man. He is full of *man.* At every away game we have, all the girls come running to him."
Adam Robison [12]



"Mitch Murdock... hands down. He' is everything that I look for in a guy."
Lincoln Clayton [9]

stumbling blocks

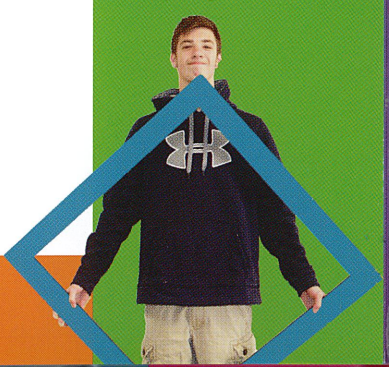


Anna Collins [12]

The most difficult thing that I have had to go through in my life was when my grandpa passed away. It wasn't an ordinary death like the other ones I've gone through, because he committed suicide. Because the whole situation was so tragic, and it only happened a few days before last Christmas, it really had an impact on me. My grandpa's suicide showed me how fragile life is, and it opened my eyes to how quickly life can be taken away from someone. I stayed positive and had to realize how blessed I was to have someone like him in my life.

Jessica Hornyak [12]

One of the hardest moments in life I have had to overcome was the loss of my grandmother. Her death was the only death I've ever had to deal with, and it was unbelievable. My mom helped me get through by assuring she is forever in our hearts and watching over us. We looked at pictures a lot and would talk about life and death and how it was just time for my grandmother to go; that was no one's fault. My grandmother is now and will always be my hero who I turn to in my heart when I need help. I know she will help me through everything.



"Oh my gosh, I just got a mental block...that happens to me a lot"
Tyler Morabito [10]

the scores

wrestling

Woodland Hills (80/0) – W

Norwin (41/18) – W

Greensburg Salem (50/10) – W

Jefferson Morgan (49/17) – W

North Hills (45/27) – W

Avonworth (81/0) – W

Gateway 58/18) – W

Hampton (43/27) – W

Franklin Regional (36/23) – W

Penn Trafford (50/18) – W

Penn Hills (81/0) – W

McKeesport Area (70/9) – W

Burrell (55/6) – W

Franklin Regional (27/38) – L

Greensburg Salem (38/23) – W

McGuffey (51/22) – W

Connellsville (46/21) – W

Canon McMillan (24/36) – L

North Allegheny (20/44) – L

Connellsville (0/0) – T

Record: 16–3–1

words trainers live by

"Don't touch the blood & beware of feet."

Bailey Seagriff [9]

trainers

Front Row: Sydney Dumbaugh, Lizzy Shaffer, Shaylee Dumbaugh, Maddy Shaffer; *Back Row:* Catherine Laur, Steph Motchar, Lance Stein.

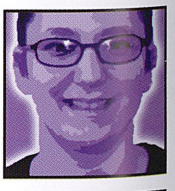
U won't block my

Is there any one task that you absolutely hate to complete?

"Making ice bags is the worst thing ever. I'm just really bad at it and we have to do it almost every day."
Lizzy Shaffer [11]

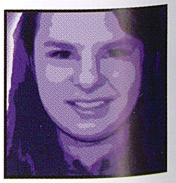
"There's nothing worse than wrapping Jake McClarnon's nasty blisters. They ooze all over the place and it totally makes me sick."
Bailey Seagriff [9]

"I really don't have a specific task that I hate. I just like having the opportunity to help everyone out when they need it the most."
Sydney Dumbaugh [1]



"I'm really not fond of wrapping someone's sweaty, smelly feet."
Maddy Shaffer [13]

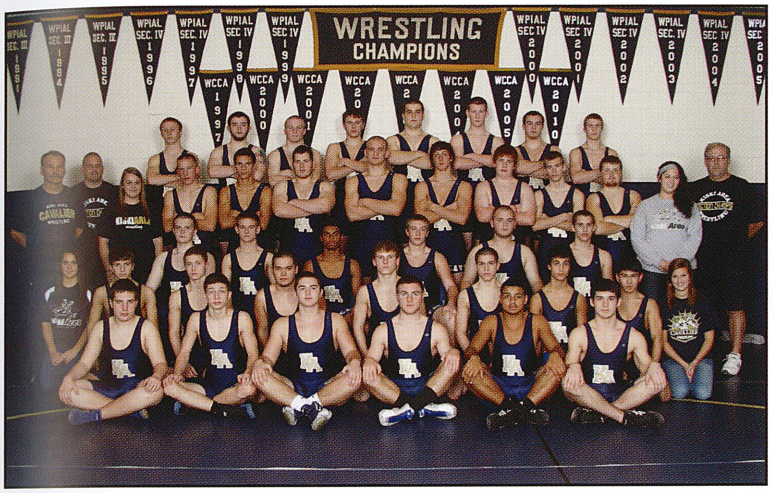
"The worst thing I have to do as a trainer is cleaning up after someone's blister breaks into a gushing goo. That's the worst."
Jaleesa Brown [11]



"The worst part about training is sitting through long practices when we're not needed. It gets really boring."
Jocelyn Insko [9]

words wrestlers live by

"Pain is temporary... a loss is forever." Don Richardson [10]

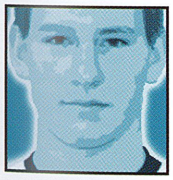


wrestling

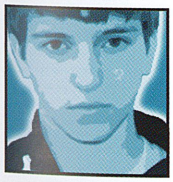
Front Row: Matt Schmude, Tyler Faulk, Tyler Worthing, Dakota Lange, Alyk Harris, Samuel Nelson; *Row Two:* Alexa Cramer, Mitchell Nagy, Vaughn Curcio, Donald Richardson, Garrett Fitzsimmons, Ryan Hardaway, Jake York, Billy Molyneaux, Danielle Bistline; *Row Three:* Soren Peinthor, Jacob Ardellitz, Elijah Davis, Tim Conroy, Lucas Tatar, Zachary Robison; *Row Four:* Coach Toy, Coach Heater, Ashley Heater, Andrew Kenzevich, Jared DeGore, Samuel Bowser, Shane Kuhn, Chad Kuhn, Tucker Insko, David Sarno, Zachary Roberts, Makensie Worthing, Coach Tursky; *Back Row:* Andrew McDonald, Ian Waltz, Kyle Skelly, Shawn McGowan, Jacob McClarnon, Matthew Riggle, Matt McCutcheon, Cole Landowski.

opinion on that...

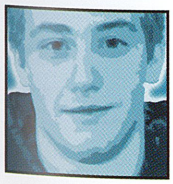
So many other teams admire KA wrestling. For those teams, give them advice on how to improve.



"My best advice would be to practice and train just as well as you'd perform in a match. Set your mind and have a good idea for your first move on the mat." *Matt Riggle* [12]



"I would tell the coaches to stress that it's about hard work and bonding together as a team with the same goals." *Mitch Nagy* [10]



"Basically, I would encourage them all to find wrestlers like Matt McCutcheon and Kyle Skelly to join the team." *Tim Conroy* [11]

"We succeed because we work harder than any other team. We do have awesome coaches, but you just have to work harder than the next guy." *Jordan Laero* [9]

"The wrestlers need to do everything they can not to get into bad situations on the mat and to trust their coaches." *Tucker Insko* [10]

"I would tell the wrestlers to work hard, set goals early in the season, and to bond with the other wrestlers." *Kyle Skelly* [12]

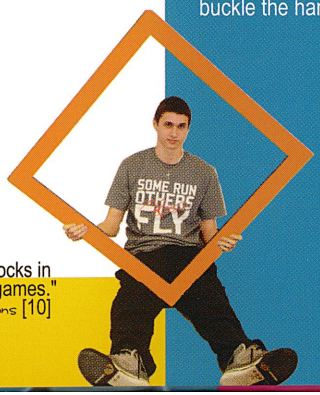
stumbling blocks

Rachel Weigart [12]

Although I can't decide on the hardest thing I have ever had to deal with, like most kids, I definitely have daily obstacles that I must overcome. This includes school, sports, and just normal teen drama. Sometimes it's just really difficult balancing everything without having one part crash all over the floor. Still, with these obstacles, I must greatly thank my parents, family, and friends for always offering their love and support to keep me going. Having that support system makes all the difference, so thanks, guys.

Aaron Wanet [12]

When I was younger, I was scared of riding roller coasters, and I would never go near one. I think I always wanted to try it, but I could never gain the nerve to do it. One day, my friend forced me on one and I hated it at first. Afterwards, though, I ended up loving the adrenaline rush. Today, I love roller coasters and always love trying new ones. I want to sincerely send out huge thanks to my friend for forcing me the first time. Sometimes, the easiest way to overcome your fears is to jump in with both feet, or climb in and buckle the harness.



"I love getting blocks in basketball games." Mike Simmons [10]

the scores

varsity girls' bb

Butler (30/54) – L

Penn Hills (47/54) – L

Plum (37/56) – L

Latrobe (50/52) – L

Penn Trafford (40/71) – L

Shaler (26/41) – L

Hampton (34/48) – L

Connellsville (42/36) – W

Albert Gallatin (56/27) – W

Hampton (40/45) – L

Hempfield (39/53) – L

Norwin (49/56) – L

McKeesport Area (48/33) – W

Laurel Highlands (53/25) – W

Albert Gallatin (37/47) – L

Latrobe (39/46) – L

Penn Trafford (32/52) – L

Connellsville (39/28) – W

Hempfield (37/74) – L

Norwin (41/44) – L

Laurel Highlands (52/25) – W

Fox Chapel (32/50) – L

Record: 6–16–0

varsity cheering

Front Row: Hannah Gentile, Morgan Leasure, Lea Long, Sadie Laero; *Row 2:* Katlynn Oliver, Samm Shirey, Sydney Greece, Savannah Stroup, Gina Cecchi; *Row 3:* Mayah Bracy, Jalesa Morris, Anastasia Clayton, Sierra Bigley; *Back Row:* Karisa Cesario, Taylor Murdock, Kyleigh Hill, Marissa Gray.

jv cheering

Front Row: Katlyn Toth, Katelyn Perroz, Madison Leasure, Maria Cecchi, Haley Stonebraker; *Row 2:* Taylor McHenry, Stephanie Thomas, Madi Bellon, Jenna Trybus; *Back Row:* Gillian Debick, Natalie Scassera, Shelby Bracken, Haley Potter, Alaina Schwarz.

u won't block my

What do you typically do on long bus rides to away games?

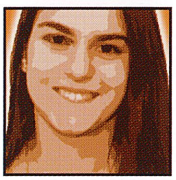
"I usually listen to my iPod. Still, on the way home, our bus driver usually plays the music loud and we all sing."
Sierra Bigley [11]

"All they do is sing. It's like being in a musical. Sometimes it gets on my nerves, but it's mostly entertaining."
Savannah Stroup [12]

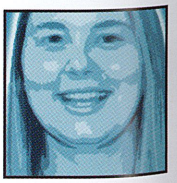
"Normally, the bus driver plays music loudly, and we all sing to get pumped up for each game."
Marissa Gray [11]

"We usually either sit and talk, or listen to our iPods. Sometimes, we do have a big group singalong."
Morgan Leasure [12]

"We usually talk about funny things that are on the computer and make jokes about it the whole way there."
Gina Cecchi [12]



"Sydney Greece, Lea Long, and I listen to music, watch youtube videos and follow people on twitter."
Brandi Smith [12]



v. girls' basketball

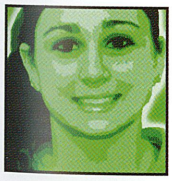
Front Row: Taylor Muffie, Alexis Trkula, Sam Motchar; *Row 2:* Anyssa Sanchez, Rachel Weyant, Liz Recchia, Lyndsey Weiser; *Back Row:* Tara Stolarski, Maddie Antone, Channing James, Megan Majersky, Kaylie Dilts, Marina Stascak.

jv girls' basketballl

Front Row: Alexis Trkula, Lindsey Hessom, Janey Culp; *Row 2:* Maddy Shaffer, Stephanie Motchar; *Back Row:* Torie Kiebler, Liz Recchia, Channing James, Marina Stascak, Jenna Boylstein.

opinion on that...

What team, every time you play them, gets the best of you?



"I hate playing Penn Trafford. They're short and fast. We're not used to that."
Liz Recchia [10]

"Penn Trafford irks me. Every time they shoot for a three-pointer, it seems to always go in."
Lyndsey Weiser [12]

"I just can't stand playing Hempfield. Our coach left us for them so we had something to prove."
Jenna Boylstein [11]

"I would pick Hempfield because our last coach is now their coach."
Janey Culp [10]

"If I had to choose one team, I'd pick Hempfield. We are all familiar with their coach and know that we're better than they are."
Megan Majersky [12]

"I would pick Norwin because they annoy the heck out of me when they just stand there and hold the ball."
Lindsey Hessom [9]

stumbling blocks

Marina Stascak [10]

The most difficult time in my life is lunch time. I have to see a certain person sitting at my lunch table everyday. He is very obnoxious and tends to yell all the time. He also took a picture of me on TV at a Pirate game, and he always seems to remind me of it while making fun of me. He always takes my phone, too, and usually runs around the cafeteria with my lunch box. He is a very nice kid and one of my good friends, just not one I like to see all the time. It is depressing seeing him in my day.

Marissa Wiles [12]

In fourth grade, my grandfather passed away. He died from a heart attack in Mexico; it has always bothered me that I never got to say goodbye. My friends and family have helped me to get over this by saying, "I know it hurts, but he's in a better place and he loves you." Even though this hurt, it has helped me to realize that his memory will always live, and he is in a better place. I guess that I really want those who have helped to know that I greatly appreciate it, and I hope that I can help others with similar situations.

"Stacking blocks is important. If you don't, you won't have a stack of blocks."
Isaac Wolfe [10]

the scores

boys' swimming

Freeport (66/50) – W
McKeesport (80/43) – W
Deer Lakes (86/43) – W
Valley (74/45) – W
Connellsville (66/96) – L
Greensburg Salem (78/61) – W
Highlands (69/59) – W
Penn Hills (74/102) – L
Penn Trafford (70/94) – L
Burrell (70/95) – L
Norwin (71/90) – L
Knoch (65/96) – L
Hempfield (75/84) – L

Record: 6–7

girls' swimming

Freeport (85/61) – W
McKeesport (90/78) – W
Deer Lakes (105/74) – W
Valley (116/38) – W
Connellsville (101/82) – W
Greensburg Salem (89/79) – W
Highlands (101/69) – W
Penn Hills (96/87) – W
Penn Trafford (81/100) – L
Burrell (101/73) – W
Norwin (82/85) – L
Knoch (95/85) – W
Hempfield (84/91) – L

Record: 10–3

varsity hockey

Ford City (0/0) – T
Franklin Regional (7/6) – W
Latrobe (1/6) – L
North Hills (2/3) – L
Pine Richland (4/7) – L
Moon (1/7) – L
Erie Cathedral Prep (4/12) – L
Pine Richland (1/8) – L
Hampton (0/6) – L
Franklin Regional (7/1) – W
Gateway (1/5) – L
Gateway (1/6) – L
Plum (4/2) – W
Montour (1/0) – W
West Allegheny (2/9) – L
Chartiers Valley (2/10) – L
Hampton – H
Plum – H
Latrobe – H
Bishop Canevin – A

(*Note:* Regular season not completed at time of submission for all three teams. Hence, we could not provide the final record for each.)

boys' swimming

Front Row: Jake Walter, Luke Nelson, Joshua Harbison; *Row 2:* Trevor Sites, John Bowser, Nolan Pepka, Blake Bachner; *Back Row:* Angelo Principe, Christian Barker, Shawn VanHorn.

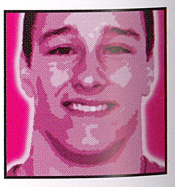
girls' swimming

Front Row: Sabrina Altman, Danielle Mullen, Megan Paullet, Kyle Cernicky, Dara Muffie, Madison Troup; *Row 2:* Allison Lohr, Maggie Kuzemchak, Kaely Brilhart, Maddy Costanza, Tory Jackson, Letizia Collini, Cassie Jaskiewicz, Shaylee Dumbaugh; *Back Row:* Rebecca Cline, Mariah Singerman, Rachael Minda, Jocelyn Insko, Jordyn Palla, Alex Paullet, Jaleesa Brown, Eleana Cook, Abigail Frech.

U won't block my

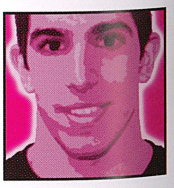
Which Olympic swimmer inspires you the most and why?

"Ryan Lochte... because he's easy to look at and is a super fast swimmer. He inspires me to be the best that I can."
Tory Jackson [11]



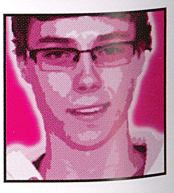
"Michael Phelps... because he has a very powerful butterfly, which is my favorite stroke."
Blake Bachner [10]

"Missy Franklin... because she's very positive and always cheerful. She's just a really good swimmer and role model."
Jaleesa Brown [11]



"Ryan Lochte inspires me because he has a strong, positive attitude and is determined to succeed in all he attempts."
Angelo Principe [11]

"Missy Franklin... she's always enjoyable, and always has a smile on her face. One of her favorite strokes is the backstroke and that's also my favorite."
Paris Krug [9]



"Nathan Adrian... because we both swim the same events and from what I've heard, he's a great role model to look up to."
Nolan Pepka [10]

varsity hockey

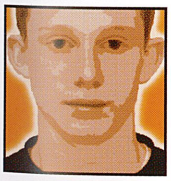
Front Row: Ben Crawford, Tyler McGuire, Josh Clifford, Shawn Welsh, Alexander Polka, Alex Welsh, Mike Murawski; *Back Row:* Coach Warren, Coach Mike Nepsa, Mitchell Ellenberger, Ryne Baxter, Brad Ziegler, Kevin Kunkle, John Shannon, Austin Drobka, Alex Cooper, Jake Goedicke, Noah Kuruc, Coach Smouse.

jv hockey

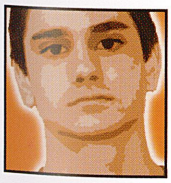
Front Row: Tyler Kinnard, Michael Hill, Mike Murawski, Cameron Copeland, Ethan Hannay, Matt Eisaman; *Back Row:* Coach Zvonkovich, RJ Bouch, Zach McClarnon, Brad Ziegler, Ethan Joyner, Justin Ryan, Kyle Shellhammer, Coach Brock, Coach Nepsa.

opinion on that...

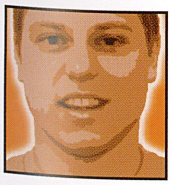
Is it true that hockey players are the best looking athletes?



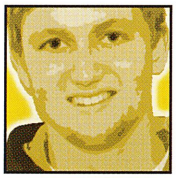
"Absolutely. Nobody has more swag looks than Mike Murawski."
Mike Hill [9]



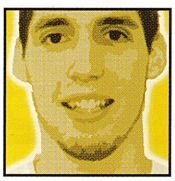
"That is absolutely false. Most hockey players don't retire with a full set of teeth."
Justin Ryan [9]



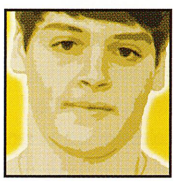
"This is true. Just look at John Ryan Shannon. It doesn't get much manlier than that."
Josh Clifford [12]



"Yes... just look at Josh Clifford. He's a big studmuffin."
John Shannon [12]

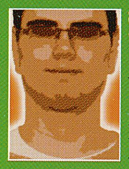


"They definitely are. I just think that they're better looking than any other sports athletes."
Ben Crawford [12]



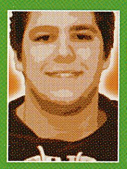
"I don't know... some of them are, but I'll tell you... some definitely aren't."
Jake Goedicke [11]

stumbling blocks



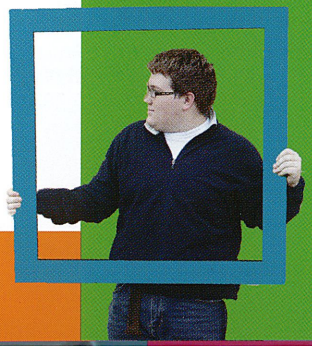
Kyle Blackenbicker [12]

When *That 70's Show* was taken off Netflix, it was a pretty rough time. I was on the fourth season at episode twenty when someone decided to rip the show right from under me. How could they possibly take this incredible show off Netflix? I had nothing new to watch. I finally came across *Family Guy* and I watched a bunch of episodes to help get over my loss. Luckily, enough people must have complained, because about a month later, *That 70's Show* was back on Netflix, and I watched all of it.



Timothy Regan [12]

The hardest thing I have had to deal with in my life is school. It may sound silly, but school is a very difficult thing for young people to get through. The social aspect of school alone can be the most difficult, along with many other pressures: tests, homework, difficult concepts. I got through school by staying organized and not procrastinating. Teachers helped me by going the extra mile and making sure I understood everything. The best way to overcome life is to take nothing personally and just worry about yourself.



"Once, I blocked my little brother out of his room. It was funny."
Aleks Krachanko [12]

secret squares

Discuss four unique ways the coach pumps the team up at halftime

1 **inspired writings**

"At a home game at halftime, Coach wrote on the white board... *How bad do you want it?* It really inspired us." *Mike Iacovino* [9]

2 **dead silence**

"Usually, we will have about three minutes of absolute silence. Then, when there's about two minutes left, he'll speak." *Tanner George* [11]

3 **all or nothing**

"He referred to a comment that we had seen in a video that said... *My everything, or my nothing.*" *Jordan Laero* [9]

4 **speak out**

"He'll ask all of the players to actually say something to the other players to motivate them for the second half." *Noah Sharek* [9]

crucial blocks

Date: 10/05/12
Game versus: *Norwin*
Player: Lincoln Clayton [9]

"I remember a game in which Alex Polka blocked a punt, and Nick Sharek picked it up and ran it back for a touchdown. It was incredible."

Date: 10/26/12
Game versus: *Greater Latrobe*
Player: Shane Kuhn [11]

"Jason Anderson ripped the opponent out of the gap, and I blew straight through to block the Wildcat's punt. On the next play, my brother Chad scored a TD."

Date: 9/15/12
Game versus: *Gateway*
JV Player: Andrew Kenzevich [11]

"I tried my best to block every opponent that I met on the line against the Gators. The biggest thing to come out of it was a whole lot of yelling from Coach Biss."

Caught in the middle...

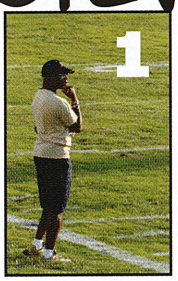
At the away game against Altoona on September 12, Nick Sharek [12] and Jake Wiskeman [12] make a Mountain Lion sandwich out of their feline opponent. "After traveling two hours, and an hour rain delay, it was great to leave with a seven to nothing win," Sharek said.

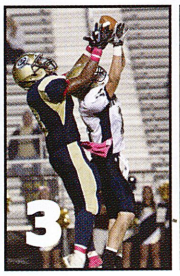
It's up for grabs...

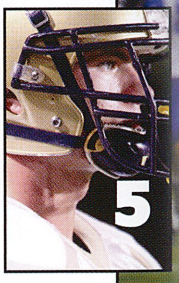
High above the field at Latrobe's Wildcat Stadium, James Roundtree [11] goes up to retrieve an on-side kick. Roundtree said, "I got flattened after that play. The whole orange line took me out." Blue and gold recovered the ball and won the game with a score of 41-14.

photo: *a. satterfield* [12]

play that position...





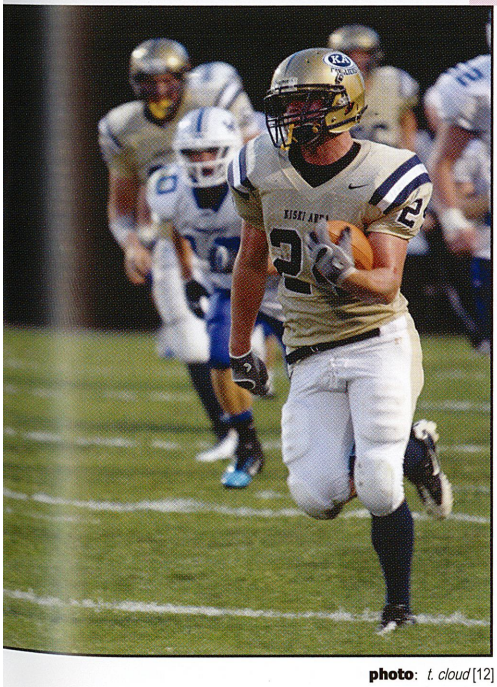


1) *Jesse Hutchinson* [12] - manager on varsity
2) *Jack Tamasy* [9] - wide receiver on ninth
3) *Patrick Turner* [11] - cornerback on varsity
4) *Ricky Carter* [12] - quarterback on varsity
5) *Josh Wiskeman* [12] - defensive end on varsity

On the run...

Taking the handoff from QB Ricky Carter [12], Jake Wiskeman [12] completes a 60 yard run at the home game vs. Connellsville. Wiskeman said, "I really wish I was faster because I just fell short of the goal line." The home team won with a score of 22-14.

photo: *s. iacovino* [par.]



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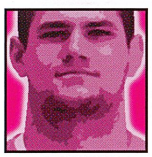
captains' corner



We knew that we just wanted to make the playoffs, as a team. With new staff and coaching, we really bought into the program. *Josh Wiskeman* [12]

I wanted to make the playoffs for the first time in my career. I also wanted to lead the team in tackles, but that didn't happen. *Nick Sharek* [12]

"The cinder blocks that make up the walls of Kiski get me really excited." Jake Ardellitz [11]

stumbling blocks

Jordyn Pilla [10]

The hardest thing that I've had to deal with so far in my life is discovering *One Direction*. I have had to deal with them looking absolutely perfect. It really takes a toll on me. Then, they go on dates with girls that are gorgeous. I just feel plain when I see this. Their voices are so distracting, so I cannot listen to them while I do homework. They sing like angels. Hence, I decided to just not do any homework. No, I'm just kidding. However, seriously, I have an obsession. A lot of kids are addicted to drugs. I'm just hopelessly addicted to boy bands.

Ashton Rusia [11]

When I was in eighth grade, my brother was in a very serious dirt-biking accident. Because it was so bad, it was extremely difficult on my entire family. He was life-flighted to the hospital and everything was very chaotic. He spent a very long time in the hospital and the whole family visited him every day. We were all so worried about him. It was so difficult going to see him, not knowing if he knew we were there. Thankfully, Jared has made a full recovery and we no longer have to worry about his future. Situations like this let you know what's important in life.

seasons of change

squad members differentiate between sports

football

"My favorite sport to cheer for is football. I love seeing the huge student section that comes out for the games. They get so fired up. I think the student section made the games a lot better this year, not only for the players, but for the cheerleaders as well, since the games can be boring."

Gillian Debick [9]
cheering for 3 years

soccer

"Soccer is a unique sport to cheer for because the football players are in the crowd cheering for the team, instead of on the field playing. I honestly don't like soccer games as much as the other sports because they seem to drag on forever. It's hard to do generic cheers for over an hour."

Taylor Murdock [11]
cheering for 3 years

basketball

"Basketball really lets us all get involved. You're sitting right there in the stands, so close to the players and all the action. Going out on to the court to perform at half time is definitely the best part though. All eyes are us and with the big turn out, it's definitely exciting."

Natalie Scassera [10]
cheering for 4 years

wrestling

"Wrestling is my favorite sport, so I love cheering at the wrestling matches. I like that it's an individual sport, but at the same time it's still a team activity. The atmosphere is super exciting because so many students show up, and it's just a lot of fun to be a part of that."

Lea Long [12]
cheering for 6 years

photo: *t. cloud* [12]

Honor and respect...
Just prior to the home game versus Norwin, the cheering squad stands for the National Anthem. Marissa Gray [11] said, "It's important that we all respect our country, as well as our team. We represent the school, and we want to give off a good impression." After the National Anthem, the squad ran out on to the field to cheer the players through the band tunnel.

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Loud and to the point...

At the home game versus Connellsville, Brandi Smith [12] chants the K-I-S-K-I cheer to get the crowd involved. "I have a pretty big mouth, so when I use a megaphone, they can hear me in North Apollo," Smith said. She served as team captain.

Over here...just do it...

In front of the grandstand, Kaytee Oliver [12], Hannah Gentile [12] and Anastasia Clayton [11] perform *Hey, Kiski...Over Here... Over Here*. Oliver said, "Of all the cheers we do, I think that *Do It* gets the crowd going the most."

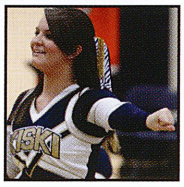
u know

you're a cheerleader when...

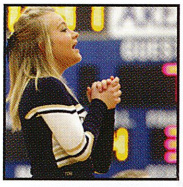
"You have at least one outfit a week picked out."
Kayla Wadsworth [11]

"Half of your outfits are planned out for the week because there's just so many games to attend."
Samm Shirey [12]

"When somebody says *liberty*, you don't think of a statue or freedom."
Sadie Laero [12]



"When you're at a game where there's no cheering, you want to get up and start chanting."
Sydney Greece [12]



"You cheer everything that you say."
Jenna Trybus [9]

stumbling blocks

Shannon McAdoo [12]

When I was in eighth grade, I was involved in a lot of drama. It got really bad, and honestly, I was mislabeled. It is not like I was doing anything wrong; it's just the people I was friends with would make things up and were not true friends. Something had to change. Even though it was hard because they were my best friends, I had to get away from them. It was hard; the more I tried to stop talking to them, the more they made stuff up about me. As the year went on, summer finally came, and I didn't have to deal with them anymore.

Joe Bruno [11]

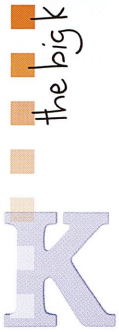
Two years ago, I lost my grandma on November 14th. It was actually two years today, November 14th, 2012. I went riding that day, and I had just got home when the phone rang. My dad told me she was gone. I immediately broke down in tears. The hardest part was when my whole family was together, and we saw each other's reactions. It was one of the worst days of my life to this date. It's just hard to lose a person that you've loved for your whole life. I just think that's the hardest part of growing older.

equip me

would ya?

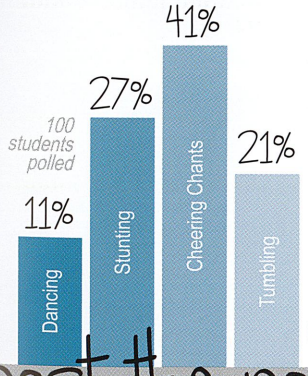
"Our pom poms make a really cool noise when you shake them. We sometimes use them to cheer, but that's about it."
Haley Stonebraker [9]

"Sometimes, when we want to really get the crowd going, the megaphones help because we seem louder."
Jenna Trybus [9]



"K is such a kool letter. Some of my favorite words start with it like Karisa, Kayla, and Kiski. Go Big K!"
Marissa Gray [11]

"Cheer uniforms are not complete without the hair bows. They truly make the outfits and keep our hair in place."
Karisa Cesario [11]



post the poll

Which activity gets you the most pumped up?

" In arguments with friends, sometimes they may block you out of their lives."
Stephanie Nicely [9]

got to get to know the team

1 *Billy Oplinger* [12]
Date: 9/6/12
Versus: Norwin Knights
Shirt Number: 11
Position: Defense

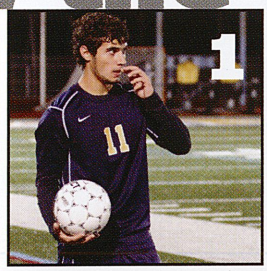
2 *Hannah Milheim* [12]
Date: 9/10/12
Versus: Norwin Knights
Shirt Number: 10
Position: Midfield

3 *Taylor Morlacci* [9]
Date: 9/7/12
Versus: Butler Tornadoes
Shirt Number: 4
Position: Forward

4 *Zach Wilson* [11]
Date: 9/8/12
Versus: Practice
Shirt Number: 22
Position: Forward

5 *Alex Baxter* [12]
Date: 9/6/12
Versus: Norwin Knights
Shirt Number: 14
Position: Defense

6 *Lizzy Wilkinson* [12]
Date: 9/7/12
Versus: Butler Tornadoes
Shirt Number: 20
Position: Forward

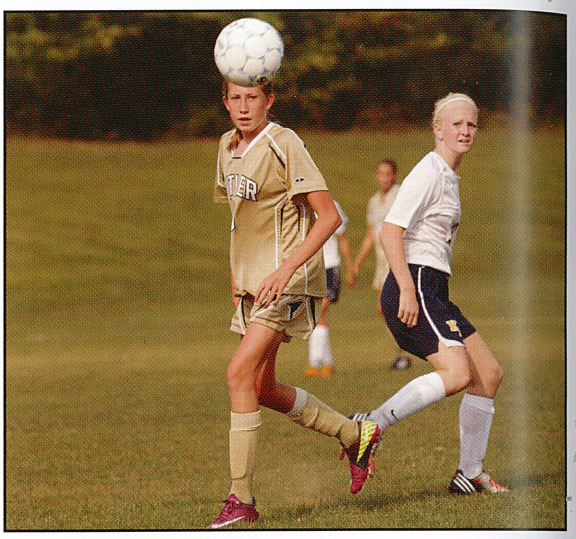


"avoid the roadblock

Always chase your goals, and never let anyone keep you from attaining them.
Brandon Claus [12]

On the attack...
On the defense, Zack Fisher [12] makes a tackle on his Penn Trafford opponent. Fisher said, "To win at soccer, you have to be aggressive but still know when to apply your aggression. If you strike at the wrong moment, you sometimes won't get the ball."

With a twist...
With her eye on the ball, Paige Krug [11] halts to steal the ball from her Butler opponent. Krug said, "Playing the Tornadoes was our first scrimmage game. They allowed us to prepare for the season." The team rallied to win both pre-season scrimmages.



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Quick Q&A

4 insights from soccer player Dakota Lange [10]

What's your favorite aspect of soccer?

"I love the aggressiveness and competitiveness that comes with the sport."
Nicole Caldwell [11]

"I love how fast-paced the game can get. You always have to be aware of everything going on down the field."
Brian Komoroski [10]

"I like how close our team has become over the season. We are always there to support each other in good times and bad."
Anna Collins [12]

"The best part of soccer is having the chance to play together with the team and also when we crushed the other teams."
Luke Haines [12]

When did you start your career in soccer?

"I started when I was five. I played for the local Kiski Area Soccer League. I played on a travel team, as well. When I was in intermediate school, I joined the school team. I've been playing ever since."

In the off season, how do you retain your soccer skills?

"In the winter, I go to several indoor practices. I practice with several different teams, including Century United, PA West ODP, and Complete Moves. I also keep in shape by running and working out. I constantly pick up a soccer ball and mess around."

Who on your team inspires you the most?

"I would have to say that Matt Dziadosz [11], Tyler Nelson [12], Zach Ferraccio [12], Billy Oplinger [12], and Jared DeGore [10], also known as the Sexy 6, inspire me the most. We always encourage and support each other."

Which team gives you the biggest challenge?

"The Norwin Knights are always our biggest competitor. For the past couple of years, it has always been a one goal game. Most games usually lead into an overtime. Beating them both times this year helped make us section champs."

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notethequote

Our motto for the year was: our blood, our sweat, your tears.

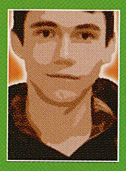
Jared DeGore [10]

photo: t. cloud [12]

Sweet victories...

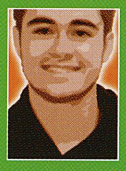
At a home game against the Norwin Knights, Matt Dziadosz [11] steals the ball from the mid-fielder. "Norwin has been our biggest rival for the past few years. This year, we beat them twice though," Dziadosz said. In the spring, Dziadosz participated in track.

stumbling blocks



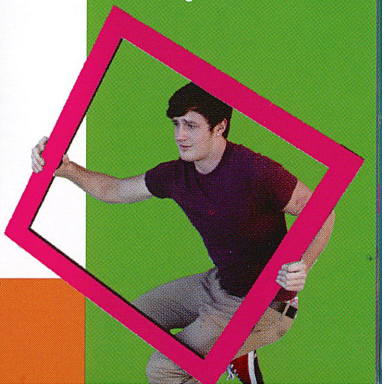
Ken Hall [9]

The most difficult thing that happened to me is when my pap passed away. He was not only my pap, but he was my best friend. We hunted together and we fished together all the time. At one point, he went in to get his gall bladder removed and ended up with a pinched nerve. He had to be on crutches for the rest of his life, but that didn't stop him from doing everything with me. We still went hunting, fishing, and camping. I always had to drag his deer out of the woods, but I gladly did it because it was something I could do for him. Always think positive, like him.



Nick Malagari [11]

The hardest thing I ever had to overcome was a concussion that I suffered from in eighth grade. I received it while playing indoor soccer. I had symptoms for two months following my injury. I was unable to play soccer or return to school. I had to have a tutor come to my home to teach me what I was missing at school. The hardest part was being unable to do anything fun. I was only allowed to lie down or do small things. I want to thank my family and friends because they supported me during this tough time.



"Dan Moran gets on my last nerve, so I blocked him on facebook. LOL."
Pat Bouch [12]

secret squares

Discuss something about the team that most people wouldn't realize otherwise

junk food feast

"On the bus on the way to away games, Coach Tony always brought us an assortment of junk food to eat. My favorite were the Oreos."
Alexis Trkula [9]

signature head-band

"Our coach always wears a sweat band on his forehead. When he doesn't wear it, he looks weird and we can't even tell it's him."
Torie Kiebler [9]

cute nick-names

"Each of us has a nickname that we call each other. The team calls me *Marbs* after Jenna Marbles from the internet."
Jenna Boylstein [9]

stockings are hung

"We always put up stockings around Christmas time on our lockers. It's just a tradition that we've done for awhile."
Stephanie Motchar [10]

crucial blocks

Date: 12/17/12
Game versus: *Latrobe*
Player: Channing James [10]

"With two seconds left before halftime, I made a block against Latrobe's JV team at home. She was going for a lay-up, and I ran down the court to block her."

Date: 1/14/13
Game versus: *Laurel Highlands*
Player: Lindsey Hessom [9]

"In the last five seconds of a game against Laurel Highlands, they went for a three-pointer. Our whole team went up for the block, but we fell a bit short and lost."

Date: 2012-13 Season
Game versus: *Many*
Player: Janey Culp [103]

"I can't really think of just one major block, but I do know that nobody blocks a shot better than Channing James. She usually gets them just when we need pumped up."

Out for a steal...

At a home game against the Plum Mustangs, Kaylie Dilts [12] goes for the steal. Dilts said, "In order to win a game, you have to play hard the entire time, not just when things get tough. Dilts played forward on the varsity squad and played for three years.

Rip it through...

In an attempt to pass the ball to her teammate, Maddie Antone [12] rips the ball through to Rachel Weyant [12]. Antone said, "We've never had to play Laurel Highlands before. It sure is a long trip to get there." The girls won the game by over 20 points.

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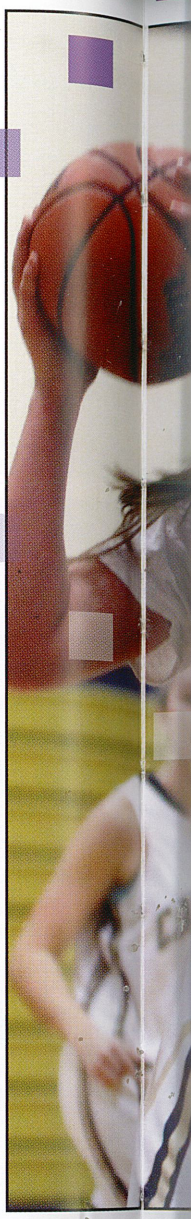
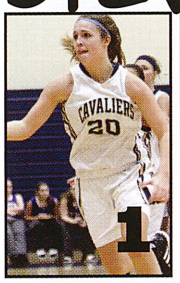
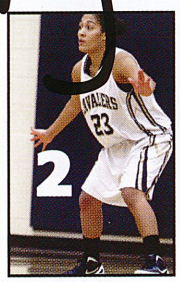
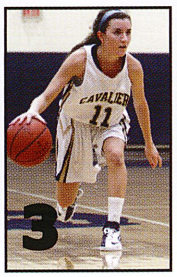
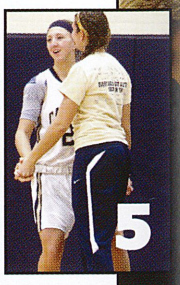


play that position...









1) *Megan Majersky* [12] - forward
2) *Anyssa Sanchez* [11] - guard
3) *Rachel Weyant* [12] - guard
4) *Liz Recchia* [10] - forward
5) *Kaylie Dilts* [12] - forward; *Tara Stolarski* [12] - forward

One for all and all for one...

During a time out at the home game against Albert Gallatin on January 17, members of the varsity squad gather for advice. Steph Motchar [10] said, "Coach tended to call a time out when we made a mistake, but he never screamed and yelled."

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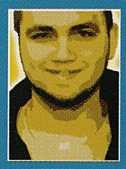
captains' corner

Many of us have played together since fourth grade. We just wanted to end our careers happily together, win or lose.
Maddie Antone [12]

I think that we wanted to just have an enjoyable senior year together and still remain competitive and competent on the court.
Tara Stolarski [12]

"I block out anything that people say about me that is negative."
Hannah Moore [12]

stumbling blocks

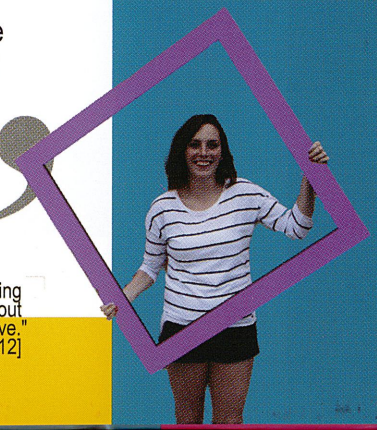


Tyler Ecker [12]

My most difficult time was when I had to choose to quit football or continue to play it. This was a hard decision to make, due to the fact that I would have to get a job and pay for the stuff. This was a very hard decision, but it ended up turning out well. I have my job now, and it was a good decision to quit football. I am happy as ever now, but it was a very hard choice to make altogether. I am happy that I made this decision and how it affected my life and now I have money to spend on whatever I want.

Laci Miller [12]

I've made bad decisions on the choice of friends I hung out with. They were into partying. That's fine and what not, but drugs are not. I just stuck to what I thought was right and went my own way. They are not good friends if they make you do something you don't want to. There are other people out there. If you are in a situation like that, just stick to your guns. Drugs might seem cool now, but wait until you see their effects twenty years down the road.



bumps and bruises

trainers differentiate between different injuries

knee

"Knees are a body part that gets injured a lot, especially in football and soccer. We treat the players with physical therapy everyday after school and we do different exercises with them to see how bad the injury is. The exercises also help to regain strength and flexibility in the hurt knee."

Montana Churma [10]
training for 2 years

head

"A head injury is the worst injury because the brain is so important. Head injuries happen a lot in football. We make them take an impact test to see if they have a concussion. If they fail, we have to send them to the doctor. A lot of times, players make an effort to hide their head injuries."

Shaylee Dumbaugh [11]
training for 4 years

ankle

"Ankle injuries are frequent for soccer players in particular. We first wrap the ankle in ice to treat the injury and to help ease the pain. If the ankle is really swollen and looks broken, we send the player to the doctor for x-rays. After it's broken we help rehabilitate the injured player."

Jess Simmons [11]
training for 2 years

shoulder

"You see shoulder injuries all the time in football. If the injury is severe enough, the players aren't able to move their arm at all. First, we wrap ice around the hurt shoulder to reduce the swelling. Then, we stretch it out to ease the pain and help strengthen the muscle. "

Lizzie Shaffer [11]
training for 3 years

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Nagging injuries...
At Davis Field during the August 31 game versus Connellsville, trainer Catherine Laur [fac.] tends to Josh Wiskeman's [12] ongoing knee problem. Trainer Maddy Shaffer [11] said, "Josh has had that injury for four years." Wiskeman reentered the game two plays later.

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That's a wrap...

Careful not to move her leg, Maddy Shaffer [11] wraps Liz Recchia's [[10] knee. Shaffer said, "You want to wrap it tight enough so that it won't slide down, but loose enough so that she can still move. Shaffer trained for all three high school years.

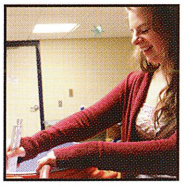
Grab and go...

Just before a winter basketball game, Tiffany Stewart [12] grabs tape to wrap Maddie Antone's [12] wrist. "As trainers, we always do our best to make sure the athletes are in top shape," Stewart said. She most enjoyed helping the wrestlers.

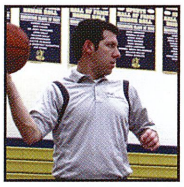
U know

you're a trainer when...

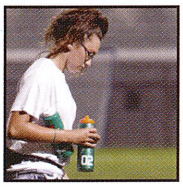
"You come home everyday smelling like sweaty boys." *Bailey Seagriff* [9]



"The skin on your fingertips is gone after training camp." *Jocelyn Insko* [9]



"Catherine uses medical tape to wrap Christmas presents." *Lance Stein* [fac.]



"You know how to wrap an ankle better than you do a Christmas present." *Katie Shaffer* [12]

"You spend more time in the school than you do at home." *Sydney Dumbaugh* [11]

equip me would ya?

band-aid

"We go through a decent amount of band-aids. The sport that tends to use them the most is definitely wrestling." *Lizzy Shaffer* [11]

ice

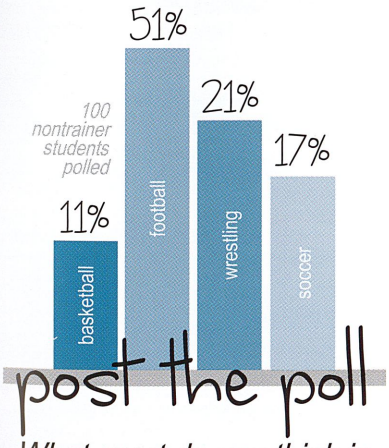
"The worst part about using ice is that it is really cold. I hate when we have to use it during frigid football games." *Marina Stascak* [10]

towel

"Towels are used in almost every sport because when all of the athletes get sweaty, they want to dry off." *Maddy Shaffer* [11]

ace bandage

"I've never really used an ace bandage. Still, I know that the other trainers use them to wrap certain injuries." *Jessica Simmons* [10]



post the poll

What sport do you think is the most difficult to train?

"All my friends tell me that I'm a really big block head. I don't know." Shawn VanHorn [9]

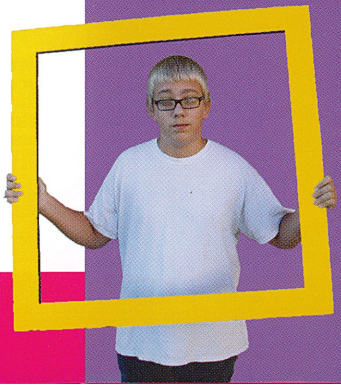
stumbling blocks

Jason Anderson [12]

The hardest thing I have ever had to do was to choose which high school to attend. I had the options of Kiski and Pittsburgh Central Catholic. I put much thought into it and chose Kiski. I believe I made a good decision for many reasons. My grades are high, and I have received high honors numerous times. Also, I have been accepted into the National Honor Society. I have made many friends and spend most of my life with them. Also, I have been able to letter in football since my sophomore year. I put myself in an excellent position.

Hannah Furman [12]

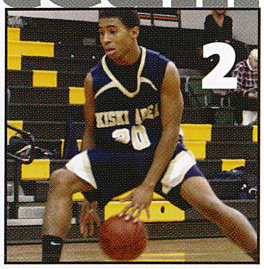
The most difficult time in my life was lying to my dad. It was a bad, stupid decision because it changed our relationship between the two of us. We did not talk for a month all because of my stupid lie. I know I have said horrible things to him, but he is still my dad. The lie crushed my dad because he lost all of his trust and felt betrayed. I could tell for the longest time he was hurting and knowing it was all my fault was the worst part. I would like to thank my dad for talking to me again and trusting me. I love you.



got to get to know the team

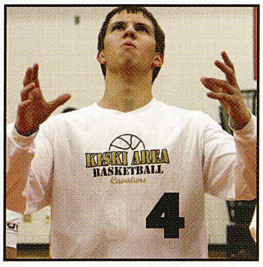
1 *James Roundtree* [11]
Date: 12/11/12
Versus: Plum Mustangs
Shirt Number: 30
Position: Small Forward

2 *Lincoln Clayton* [9]
Date: 12/14/12
Versus: Latrobe Cats
Shirt Number: 20
Position: Guard



3 *Mitchell Murdock* [12]
Date: 12/14/12
Versus: Latrobe Cats
Shirt Number: 40
Position: Center

4 *Jason Schall* [10]
Date: 12/14/12
Versus: Latrobe Cats
Shirt Number: 33
Position: Forward



5 *Mike Simmons* [10]
Date: 12/11/12
Versus: Plum Mustangs
Shirt Number: 22
Position: Guard

6 *Tre Talton* [10]
Date: 12/18/12
Versus: Norwin Knights
Shirt Number: 42
Position: Guard

"avoid the roadblock

In order to be successful, players must work as a team and put bad games behind them.
Jake Reid [10]"

All I want for Christmas...

During a home game against the Plum Mustangs, Ryan Sciullo [11] passes the ball. "The Plum game was the last game I played with my two front teeth. I went up for a lay up and fell face first into the floor," Sciullo said.

Brungo breaks through...

Joey Brungo [11] faces the opposing defense while trying to secure a victory. Brungo said, "It's always a close game against the Mustangs and we were looking for revenge after last year's heart-breaking loss."

photo: *j. herstek* [12]

Quick Q&A

4 insights from basketball player Adam Robison [12]

Who is the most influential player or coach you have ever worked with?

"Lincoln Clayton [9] is an inspiration to me because he is a freshman, yet he gets varsity playing time and is an outstanding athlete."
Kris Booker [10]

"I would have to say Coach Hutcherson from my AAU team because he always makes us work harder than what we think is necessary."
Noah Hansen [9]

"My cousin, Jeff Jackson, has taught me a whole lot. I remember going to his games and playing at his house when I was growing up."
James Roundtree [11]

"I have learned so much from Coach Touchstone. I grew up going to his camp and watching him play. I've looked up to him for a long time."
Joey Brungo [11]

Tell us about the story behind your shoes this season.

"I started the season with the pink shoes for my Grandmother who has breast cancer. As high school players, we are always looking for motivation and those served as mine."

What is your biggest key to success?

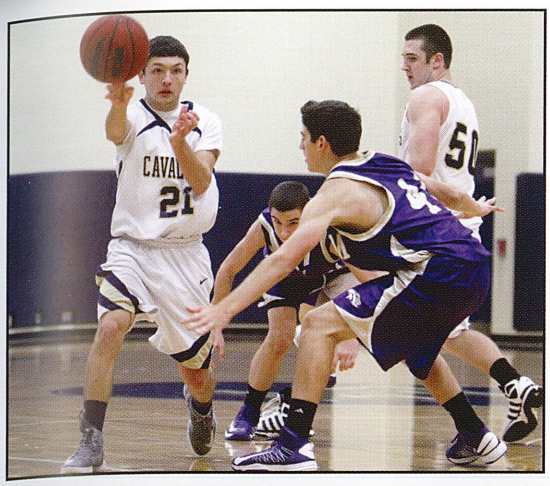
"The biggest key to success would be hard work. Even after a good win, I am never fully satisfied with my performance. I always attend the following practices with the goal to better myself."

Over the years, how has basketball influenced you?

"I started when I was eight and it all began in the Mamont Elementary gym. Ever since, basketball has been my outlet. It has truly helped me build character and personality."

In future years, what moments will you remember most?

"I will never forget getting kicked out of the Latrobe game my junior year for hanging on the rim after dunking twice. Additionally, playing in my first playoff game in front of a sold out crowd gave me a feeling that I will always cherish."



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This season, our team put in a lot of hard work and our seniors will be greatly missed.

Mike Simmons [10]

photo: j. herstek [12]

Inherited heights...
During the second quarter, Nick Stone [12] goes for a reverse lay up. "I inherited my hops from my dad, Dennis. He has really big calves," Stone said. Stone planned to play basketball in college.

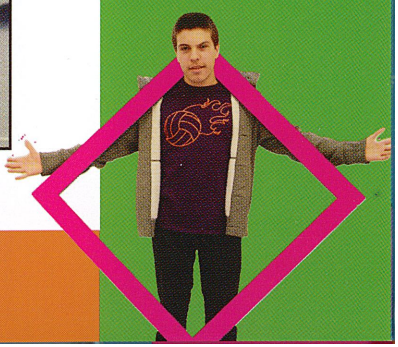
stumbling blocks

Patricia Kaher [12]

Because of things that happened, I thought I had lost my best friend. She and I were fighting because I had made a new friend who I thought was nice, but she really wasn't. At first, I tried to tell my best friend that it didn't matter if they weren't friends with each other, and I could be friends with them both. Then, our friendship started tearing apart. At the same time, I realized that my new friend was not really a friend. I realized I needed my best friend, but I worried that it was too late. I apologized to her and we became great friends again.

Hannah Dlick [10]

Try pitching in a championship game for a tournament softball team while covered in poison ivy. The fluid-filled bumps were on both hands, between my fingers, and swelled my palms. Because of the friction created by pitching, the bumps burst. Fluid oozed causing a painful burning sensation. The umpire made me bandage the rash to avoid contamination. This made it extremely difficult to achieve the proper spin and rotation necessary for success. I was totally focused on my mechanics. We won! I had overcome adversity.



"I used to love playing with Lincoln Logs and blocks."
Tim Secreto [13]

ecret squares

Who on the team inspired you most and encouraged you through the season?

three sports

"Maddie Antone inspires me so much because she has played three sports all through high school. She's legendary." *Megan McKeever* [10]

for life

"Jaime definitely was my number one inspiration. Not only did she motivate us on the court, but she encouraged us for life. I'll never forget her." *Julianna Jankowski* [12]

team player

"Ciaira Price really was there for me in tough times. She's always a team player and never just plays for herself." *Jensen York* [11]

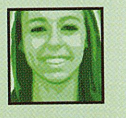
heads up

"Kaylie Dilts really inspired me. Even when we had a bad game, she always told us to keep our heads up." *Rylee O'Hara* [9]

crucial blocks

Date: 9/27/12
Game versus: *Laurel Highlands*
Player: Maddie Antone [12]

"It was during the third game against the Mustangs. After they blocked my spike, we sent the ball back over. I then blocked the same girl who blocked me."



Date: 9/20/12
Game versus: *Hempfield*
Player: Rachel Frye [11]

"The most memorable block was in the fifth game. We were losing 15-16 and I jumped up and blocked their best hitter. The feeling I had was amazing."

Date: 9/20/12
Game versus: *Hempfield*
Player: Liz Recchia [10]

"It was the game that determined whether or not we made it into playoffs. One of their powerhouses spiked the ball. I dove to retrieve the ball and actually got it."

Up for the big block...

At a home rival match against the Penn Trafford Warriors, Julianna Jankowski [12] blocks the hit. Jankowski said, "PT is always our biggest rival. Every time we play them, it's a big match." Jankowski played as an outside hitter on the team.

Jam the gym for Jaime...

In preparation for the game, Lyndsey Weiser [12] warms up with the team. "*Jam the Gym* was a sad but inspiring day for everyone. Seeing all the support from the community was great. Jaime will always be known as *Jaime Strong*," Weiser said.

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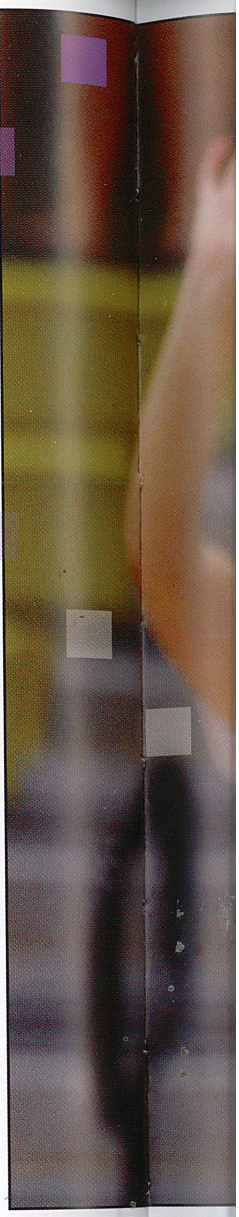
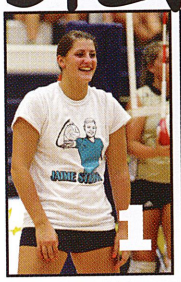
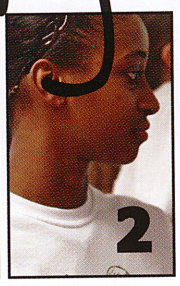
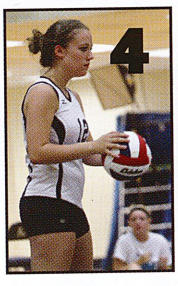
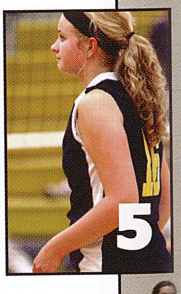


play that position...









1) *Maddie Antone* [12] - middle hitter (varsity)
2) *Tatiana Cloud* [12] - outside hitter (varsity)
3) *Liz Recchia* [10] - setter (varsity)
4) *Steph Matesic* [12] - back row (varsity)
5) *Nikki Townsend* [10] - middle hitter (jv)

High flyer...

At the *Jam the Gym for Jaime* match, Thad Paunovich [12] serves the ball to Butler. "Over the past years, my jumping abilities have really grown from volleyball," Paunovich said. He also played singles in tennis.

photo: *a. satterfield* [12]

photo: *j. herstek* [12]

captains' corner

This team was really special to me. We came closer together at Pitt Volleyball Camp when we found out our former coach passed on. *Maddie Antone* [12]

Coming back from a shoulder injury, I worked to earn a starting spot and hoped to lead the team to a winning season. *Kaylie Dilts* [12]

"I try to keep all negative thoughts blocked from my brain so that I can always do my best." Katie Shick [12]

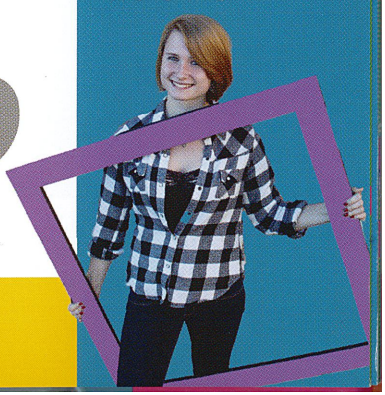
stumbling blocks

Gina Bankosh [10]

I had a hard time dealing with my grandmother Florence Caruso's passing. She was 97 years old. This woman was a widow for 60 plus years. She had to work three jobs to put both of her boys through college. My gram has always helped everyone that walked through her door. It was very hard because we were so used to her pulling through tough times. However, this time it was her turn to go. I am happy that she is now with her husband, son, and siblings. We will miss her and love her always.

Sydney Hessom [9]

One of the hardest decisions of my life was deciding to quit soccer. Last year, i had to pick between playing soccer and volleyball. I couldn't imagine not playing either of them, but I finally decided that volleyball was where my true passion was, although I still loved soccer. My family and friends all supported my decision, and I thank them for that. I had been playing soccer for eight years, and volleyball for only three. Even though it was a tough decision, I am glad that I made it. I look forward to four more years playing volleyball.



show of skills

players discuss various aspects of game

fielding

"My fielding position helps me build a strong defense for the entire team, and it also takes a lot of focus. It's really not as easy as it looks sometimes. I am hoping that the skills I've learned will help me out in the future when, and if, I decide to play ball in college."

Katie Shaffer [12]
playing for 10 years

batting

"Batting is hugely important to the success of a softball team. You need this skill to get hits that put the points on the board. If you don't get the runs, you don't win the game. No matter where the batter hits the ball, it always affects the game, and that's what it's all about."

Lyndsey Weiser [12]
playing for 11 years

pitching

"The pitcher on the team has a lead role on the field and needs to encourage the team toward success at every game. It's important to stay positive for the teammates on the field. It truly contributes to the overall performance of the team and makes a huge difference."

Emma Weaver [13]
playing for 10 years

catching

"I always remember wanting to become a catcher. I remember from long ago that I was so jealous of my cousin. A good catcher always has her head in the game. She needs to be aware of everything going on around the field. Also, it takes skill to stop the ball."

Sam Zourelias [11]
playing for 11 years

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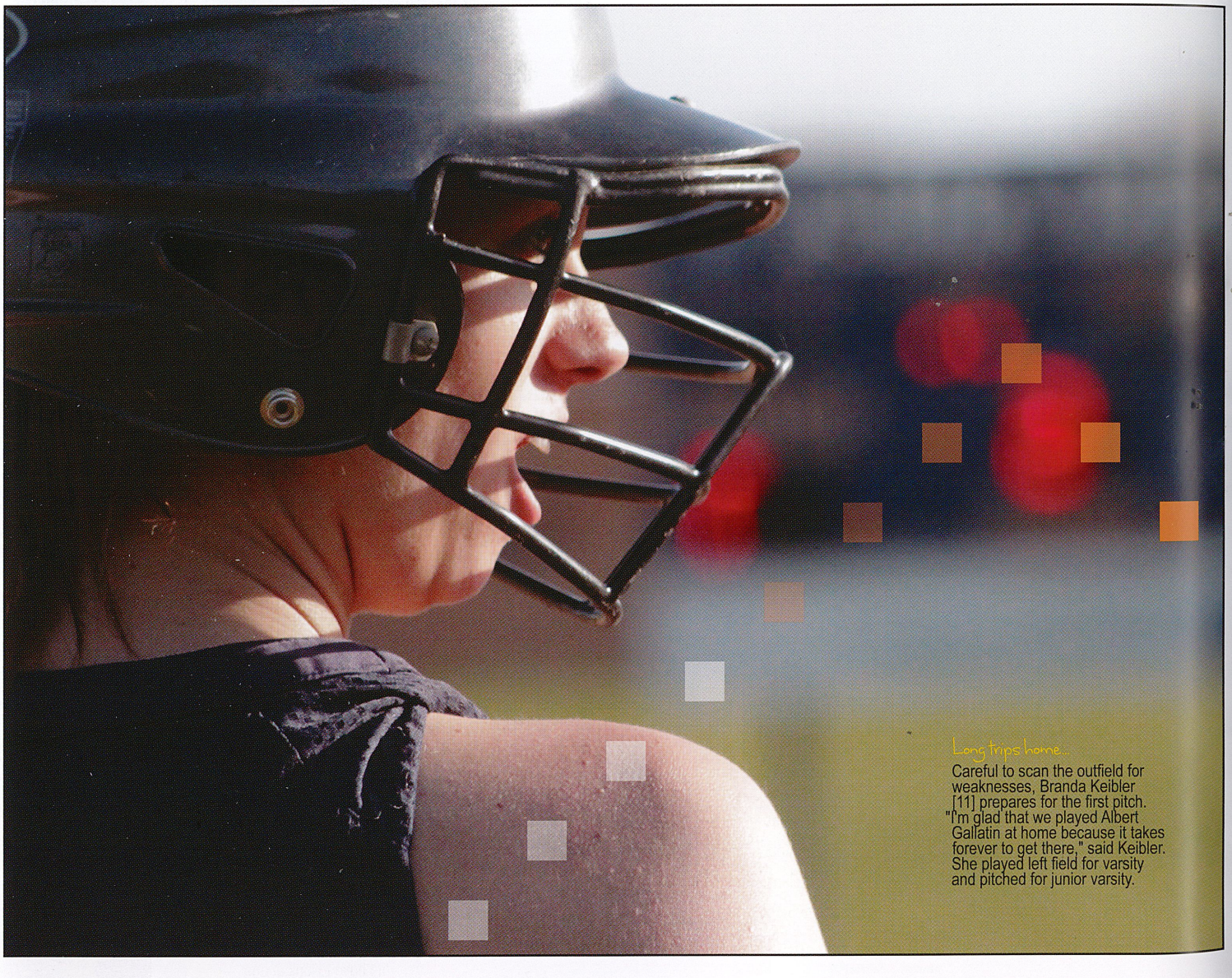

Long trips home...
Careful to scan the outfield for weaknesses, Branda Keibler [11] prepares for the first pitch. "I'm glad that we played Albert Gallatin at home because it takes forever to get there," said Keibler. She played left field for varsity and pitched for junior varsity.

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photo: h. hohman [12]

Effort to the max...

In an attempt to prevent a home run by a Norwin batter, Taylor Muffie [12] jumps the fence to catch the ball. Muffie said, "I always give up my body for the game. This time, I almost landed on my neck." The ball was a fraction too high to make the save.

Greeced lightning...

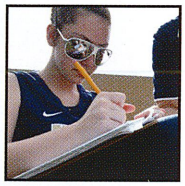
Focused on the catcher's glove, Sydney Greece [12] delivers a screwball to her Penn Trafford opponent. Greece said, "It takes a whole lot of conditioning in the off season to maintain stamina for a full game, much less a few games per week." She also played outfield for the team.

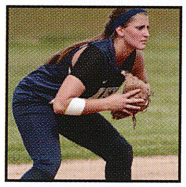
U know

you're a softball player when...

"People claim that baseball is better than softball...I totally go off!" *Montana Churma* [10]

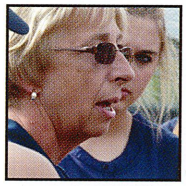
"You have scars on your elbows, knees, legs, arms, head, and feet to prove it." *Samantha Zourelias* [11]





"You risk your body for the play." *Maddie Antone* [12]

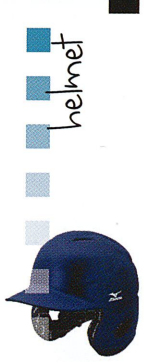
"You see any type of sporting ball and feel drawn in to play with it." *Madi Pityk* [12]



"You have so many bags and bats in your car that you can't fit anything else." *Coach Haney* [fac.]

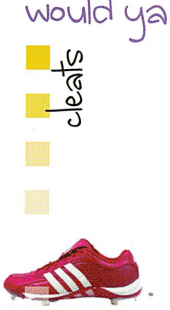
equip me would ya?

"I definitely prefer the neon softballs over the white ones. When the weather gets bad, they're just much easier to see." *Jordan King* [11]

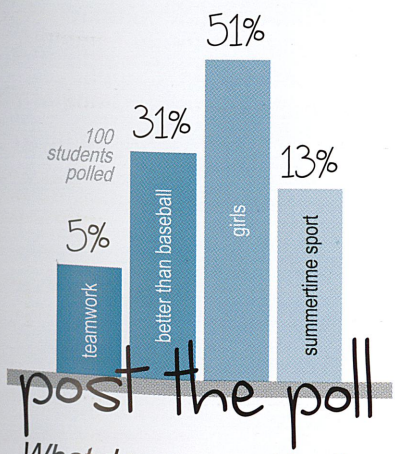


"The best thing about wearing a helmet is that it tends to block out all the noise when you're up to bat." *Gina Bankosh* [10]

"I just had to get a new glove because my old one didn't fit anymore. It was sad having to give up the first one I ever had." *Emily Verner* [11]



"Cleats allow me to run faster because they really let my feet plant into the ground. They provide leverage." *Morgan Orr* [12]



post the poll

What do you consider the best aspect of the game?

stumbling blocks

Dom Bucci [9]

Four years ago, my grandpa passed away. It was one of the saddest times in my whole life. I wasn't sure how to deal with it, because I haven't had someone pass away in my life for a very long time. So many people comforted me during this sad time for me; even my family members from out of state came in and comforted me and the rest of my family. My family members from across the nation stayed for awhile to help us all deal with my grandfather's passing. I couldn't thank them enough than I already had. I love them so much.

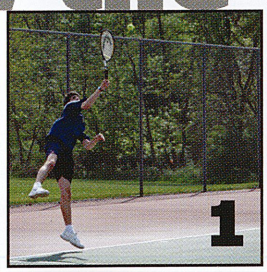
Casey Allen [9]

One of the most difficult days I had at school was when, in the dim lighting of my room in the morning, I put on a blue sports bra under a thin white shirt. This was extremely embarrassing. Luckily, my good friend, Kelsey, was there to inform me that I looked like a doofus. Believe me, her comment certainly didn't help me much, but at least I'll never make that same mistake again. I suppose that's what friends are for.

"If I have to look at one more block in this book, I'm going to move to Leechburg. #editorinchiefprobs" Jocelin Herstek [12]

got to get to know the team

1 *Paul Murray* [12]
Date: 5/4/12
Versus: Burrell
Match Type: Singles
photo: *k. aller* [11]



2 *Alexis Satterfield* [12]
Date: 10/3/12
Versus: Connellsville
Match Type: Doubles
photo: *t. cloud* [12]

3 *Alexa Cramer* [12]
Date: 9/12/12
At: Franklin Regional
Match Type: Sect. Singles
photo: *a. satterfield* [12]

4 *Tyler Paunovich* [12]
Date: 4/16/12
Versus: Penn Trafford
Match Type: Singles
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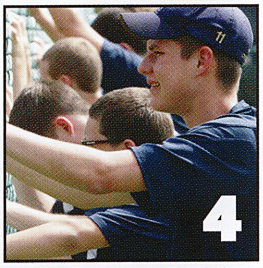

5 *Brad Ziegler* [12]
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6 *Amber Vozar* [12]
Date: 9/12/12
At: Franklin Regional
Match Type: Sect. Singles
photo: *a. satterfield* [12]

avoid the roadblock

"When trying something new, hit it with your best shot possible."
Evan Stover [10]

Dish'n on the dish...

Stretched out to reach the ball, Jackie Cavendish [12] attempts to return the ball to her Connellsville opponent. On Jackie's talents, teammate Alexis Satterfield [12] said, "Jackie plays her tennis like she's solving a math problem. She's very analytic." Cavendish played singles for the team and won the point.

You got served...

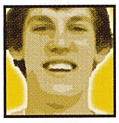
On an April afternoon, Thad Paunovich [12] serves the ball to the opposing team. "My jump serve for volleyball is a little more impressive than for tennis," said Paunovich. Paunovich also served as a setter for varsity volleyball.

photo: *k. aller* [11]

Quick Q&A

Did you find the new summer camp helpful and useful?

"I really did. It helped me to improve my tennis skills after the last season ended. It should make a difference this season." *Thad Paunovich* [12]



"I thought it really helped. The more you get out there and practice, the more perfect that you become. I loved it." *Lauren Lizik* [11]

"I would say the camp was very beneficial because it helped get us in shape and ready for the upcoming season." *Emma Rosensteel* [11]

"I thought that the summer camp gave us the chote to play more. It was nice to have that chance before the season's start." *Tyler Paunovich* [11]

4 insights from tennis player Charles Law [12]

How often do you participate in tennis and games?

"During the season, matches happen about three times per week. In the off-season, I attend a clinic in Monroeville that offers various drills, match plays, and conditioning. Otherwise, I just try to get to the courts whenever I can."

Who on the team inspires you most and why?

"Tyler Paunovich has great dedication to the sport and an unusually strong work ethic. He's shown a great amount of improvement over the years and he generally cares about the team."

Do you have one swing that you consider your best?

"I think that my backhand is my best swing. This is rather unusual because most people go to their forehand shot. I use the two-handed backhand, which gives me more stability and power."

Who first got you interested in the sport of tennis?

"When I was around twelve years old, my father and I took a beginner's course on how to play the game. I really enjoyed it, and we both decided to continue on with it. I also always loved to watch Roger Federer on television, and he inspired me."

photo: t. cloud [12]

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Just when things seem impossible, we always do our best to finish the job.

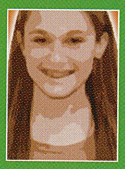
Lauren Lizik [11]

photo: a. satterfield [12]

Coming up roses...

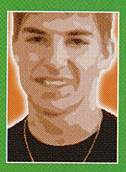
On the court in the back of the school during a match against Hempfield, Emma Rosensteel [11] rallies the ball to her opponent. Rosensteel said, "I always look forward to playing Hempfield because they are definitely worthy competitors." Rosensteel played doubles for the high school team.

stumbling blocks



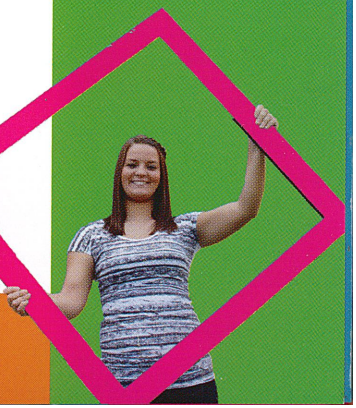
Megan Aller [9]

Truthfully, the hardest thing that has happened to me was running a cross country race when I was sick. It was hard to overcome, but I had to help out my team. I didn't do as bad as I thought, but I didn't do as well as I wanted. Running a race when you are sick is really hard when you can't breathe, but knowing that my team needed me, I knew I couldn't let them down. As an end result, the team ended up winning the Westmoreland County Championships. But, next year, I'm going to do my best to make sure I'm healthy and ready to win.



Dan Antonioni [12]

The hardest and most difficult time that I had to deal with in my life was when my grandfather died in 2005. He was the only grandfather that I knew, so that's why it was a tough time for me. Also, I was only 10 at the time, and age matters a lot when a loved one dies. At the funeral, I was awarded and issued his firefighter's badge that he valued so much. It was very hard to go in front of everyone to accept it. I would like to thank my parents and other family members who helped me through such a difficult time.



"I have to block people out during an intense softball game."
Sydney Greece [12]

secret squares

How would a season long NHL lockout have affected your life?

1. cry some tears

"I would be heartbroken during the regular season. I wouldn't get to watch the Penguins. They're my inspiration." *Jake Goedicke* [11]

2. worst winter ever

"A lockout would be disappointing because I enjoy watching the NHL. Winter isn't nearly as fun without professional hockey." *Mitch Ellenberger* [11]

3. bad television

"Since I usually like to watch a good game on television every night, I would have had nothing to do. I'm glad to have my Penguins back." *Ben Crawford* [12]

4. no burgh trips

"I enjoy going to Penguin games, so that would have been very disappointing. It just wouldn't have been as fun, for sure." *Noah Kuruc* [11]

crucial blocks

Date: 10/29/12
Game versus: *Franklin Regional*
Player: Alex Cooper [11]

"At the second game of the season, we had a 7/6 lead over Franklin Regional to the end of the third. Crawford made an incredible block and we won the game."

Date: 1/7/13
Game versus: *Plum*
Player: Kevin Kunkle [11]

"I blocked a shot against a Mustang player; it rebounded off of me to open ice. Shawn Welsh picked it up toward the end of the game and shot into the empty net."

Date: 11/1/12
Game versus: *Latrobe*
Player: Zach McClarnon [9]

"I had just shot the puck and missed the net. The other team took it and shot on Mikey. Kyle Shellhammer blocked the shot and batted it out of midair."

Aggressive on the ice...

In the middle of period two against Franklin Regional, John Shannon [12] protects the puck. Shannon said, "FR doesn't win a lot of games, but they are always very competitive and aggressive." Shannon had an assist in the game.

The goal is no goal...

At Center Ice, at a game against Montour, Ben Crawford [12] keeps his eye on the puck to prevent a goal. Crawford said, "You just have to make sure that you're not the team the gives up the first goal. That's a huge disadvantage." He had goalied for eight years.

photo: *k. aller* [11]

play that position...

1) *Shawn Welsh* [12] - center
2) *John Shannon* [12] - wing
3) *Brad Ziegler* [12] - wing
4) *Ben Crawford* [12] - goalie
5) *Kevin Kunkle* [11] - wing

Quick shot down ice...

At a home match against Cathedral Prep from Erie, Kevin Kunkle [11] shoots the puck up ice. Kunkle said, "Prep has a really good, aggressive team. They're really physical along the boards." Kunkle considered himself an aggressive player, too.

photo: *j. herstek* [12]

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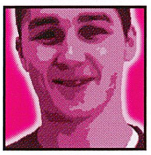
captains corner

I wanted the team to really pull together this year and figure out what our game plan was early on in the season.
Josh Clifford [12]



We really just wanted to make the playoffs this year. To do that, we practiced really hard and tried new systems for our game.
Shawn Welsh [12]

"The best feeling is when you block the shot from the other team in a basketball game."
Megan Majersky [12]

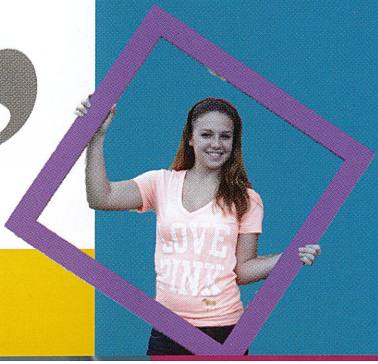
stumbling blocks

Deana Calipare [10]

The hardest time of my life to this date was when my grandfather was going to pass away. My family and I could tell that it was going to happen soon, and it was sad to watch him suffer. He was only in a home four days before he passed. I looked around, and I saw how sad everyone was. I decided not to be upset because he no longer had to suffer. I helped my younger cousins, and I comforted them. I was strong for them, and that helped me get through the hardships of losing my grandpa.

Katie Ballas [12]

The hardest thing that I have ever had to deal with was when my brother was deployed to Afghanistan. It was so hard knowing that he would be so far away and whether or not he would be okay. Still, after having the chance to speak with him, he reassured me and after spending time conversing with my family, especially my niece, I felt a little better about it. Additionally, I had an incredible support system in my friends. They were there for me when I did and did not want to talk about it. Those three years were tough, but we got through it.



how do you tread?

swimmers differentiate between strokes

backstroke

"For me, backstroke is the easiest stroke to do. It's a lot like freestyle, except you swim on your back. The hardest part is the flip turn because you have to time it perfectly. At meets, I compete most often in backstroke events because it's my strongest and fastest stroke."

Luke Nelson [12]
swimming for 7 years

breaststroke

"Breaststroke is my favorite stroke; it always has been, and it always will be. It can be more difficult than the others because it is so much slower, but I still love doing it. I help out the medley relay, which is two to four lengths of each kind of stroke by swimming the breaststroke."

Letizia Collini [9]
swimming for 8 years

butterfly

"Some consider butterfly the most difficult stroke. You need to have a lot of upper body strength as well as powerful legs. It tires you out really fast, so you have to have endurance. It's my favorite event to compete in, and I think it's the most interesting stroke, both to watch and to do."

Angelo Principe [11]
swimming for 13 years

free style

"Free style is a stroke that comes naturally to me. It's a really smooth stroke where all the movements just flow together. It's the first stroke I ever learned and is the easiest for me to do. I swim it a lot in the relays, but it is not my favorite because it gets kind of boring."

Paris Krug [9]
swimming for 9 years

photo: *a. satterfield* [12]

Down the pike...

At the January 3rd meet against Connellsville, Dara Muffie [12] executes a front one and a half somersault in the pike position. Muffie said, "My most difficult dive is the reverse one somersault." Along with Blake Bachner [10], the two represented the diving team as the school's only divers.

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Different strokes...

Up for a breath, Danielle Mullen [12] swims the breaststroke. Mullen said, "The breaststroke is actually my favorite stroke." She also swam the backstroke, butterfly, and freestyle for the high school girls' team.

Breaking a record...

After Maggie Kuzemchak [10] achieves a personal best time, she hugs her sister, Kelly. Megan Paullet [12] said, "It's nice to see the former team members come back in support of the team." Kuzemchak swam the 100 butterfly.

U know

you're a swimmer when...

"When it's hot outside, you sweat chlorine." *Abby Frech* [9]

"You hear all of the cheers from the crowd rooting you on to victory." *Angelo Principe* [11]

"You time your breathes even when you're not in the pool." *John Bowser* [9]

"You leave school with pruney hands, feet, and skin." *Allison Lohr* [10]

"You smell like chlorine from the time you get up until you go to bed." *Jake Walter* [12]

stumbling blocks

Autumn Calamaino [10]

April 18, 2009, was the most shocking day of my entire life. Much to our surprise and horror, my oldest brother, Brandon, passed away in a street bike accident. He was my best friend and my whole inspiration. When it happened, I felt so lost and alone because I always went to him for everything. But, I know that he would tell me, "Stay strong," like he did when we ran together. I know he would want me to live my life to its fullest, just like he did. I live by his morals each and every day and will love him forever.

Lauren Lizik [11]

One of the most difficult times in my life was when my dog, Niko, passed away two summers ago. It was really hard for me because he was a pet that was just like a family member to me. Niko was my first dog I have ever had. However, with the support of my friends and family, I got through this hard time. They helped me overcome the loss of my dog, Niko. I am very fortunate to have such a caring family and friends at a time like this. I know that Niko would have loved to meet so many of my new friends.

equip me would ya?

lane rope

"When swimming the backstroke, you have to really be aware of where the lane ropes are. You could easily hit them." *Sam Nelson* [10]

swim suit

"The swimsuits we have are definitely faster than the practice suit. I feel that it really plays a big part in winning." *Letizia Collini* [9]

swim cap

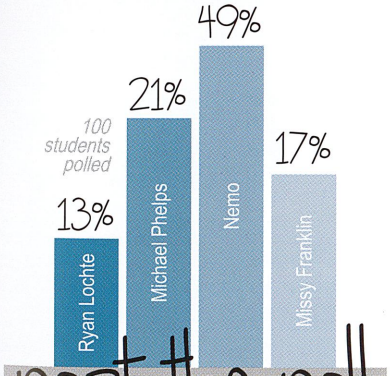
"For the meets, we have different caps than practices. It keeps our hair dry and out of the way in the water." *Kaely Brilhart* [11]

goggles

"You definitely need goggles to swim competitively. Without them, my eyes would be red for a year." *Nolan Pepka* [10]

post the poll

Which swimmer inspires you most?



"At the beginning of every marching season, Mr. Pityk has us march in a block." Ashlee Shirey [12]

got to get to know the team

1 *Abby Frech* [9]
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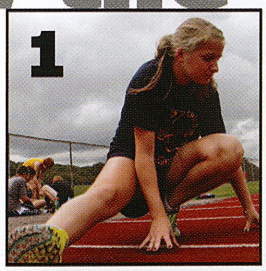
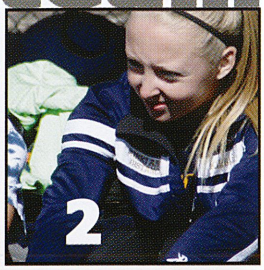
Versus: Fox Chapel
Team: Varsity
Placement: 5th

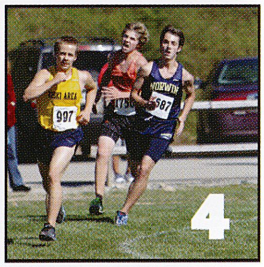


2 *Morgan Kiebler* [11]
Date: 10/11/12
Versus: County Teams
Team: Varsity
Placement: 6th/68



3 *Jack Rottschaefer* [9]
Date: 10/11/12
Versus: County Teams
Team: Junior Varsity
Placement: 109th/153

4 *Brandon Fello* [11]
Date: 10/11/12
Versus: County Teams
Team: Junior Varsity
Placement: 20th/153



5 *Megan Aller* [9]
Date: 9/18/12
Versus: Fox Chapel
Team: Varsity
Placement: 1st

6 *Conner Bardine* [12]
Date: 10/11/12
Versus: County Teams
Team: Varsity
Placement: 22nd/68

"avoid the roadblock

Life is truly what you make of it. Don't run away from your problems. Hit them head on.
Tyler Lewis [12]"

Hands held high...
At Seton Hill University, members of the girls' cross country team raise their county championship trophy. Lauren Smeltzer [10] said, "It was such a great accomplishment to know that we all worked together as a team." The trophy sat in the Gym A display case.

No doubts about it...
Competing against the other teams at counties, JD Fahnestock [11], Tyler Snider [12], and Brent Kennedy [11] head toward the front of the pack. "Of all the teams there, we had the hardest time against none of them. We won it pretty handily," Snider said confidently.

photo: *t. cloud* [12]

Quick Q&A

Do you have a particular brand of shoes that you like the most?

"I actually do. I like Brooks because they always seem really durable and they give me the proper amount of cushion."
Bryce Nelson [11]

"I really like buying Asics. They support my feet really well and they're really comfortable to run in. I usually buy blue ones."
Lauren Smeltzer [10]

"I don't really have a particular brand. I just usually end up trying on a bunch and which ever feels the best, I buy."
Stephanie Lednak [10]

"I like a lot of brands. Still, I just like to try on shoes while I'm in the store and go with the ones that fit the best."
Lindsey Caldwell [10]

4 insights from runner

Tyler Lookabaugh [12]

What's the longest distance you have ever run?

"I once ran 17 miles. We were doing a run-a-thon to raise money for the cross country team. After about eight miles into the trail, we ended up missing the turn around spot and ended up running further than planned."

Does your mind race while you run, or do you just veg out?

"Sometimes, during longer races, you have to really keep yourself focused, or you could zone out. If you're running a 5K, after you start running, you just concentrate so that you keep up pace."

What are your thoughts about running in the rain?

"I actually prefer running in the rain instead of running when it's really humid outside. The rain tends to cool you down. Still, I'd prefer a drizzle over a sideways downpour any day. Anyone would."

Who on the team do you enjoy running with the most?

"I really like running with everyone on the team. We are a closely knit group of people. We like to help each other improve. I'd run more with Brent Kennedy if he could only keep up with me. He tends to eat my dust at times."

photo: t. cloud [12]

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We just gotta keep doing what we're doing.

Tyler Snider [12]

photo: k.aller [11]

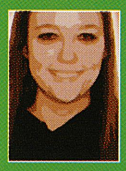
Devine intervention...

Just prior to a huge downpour of rain, members of cross country pray in their *happy circle*. Megan Aller [9] said, "We always pray to God that we can run to the best of our abilities and that He would watch over us while we run."

stumbling blocks

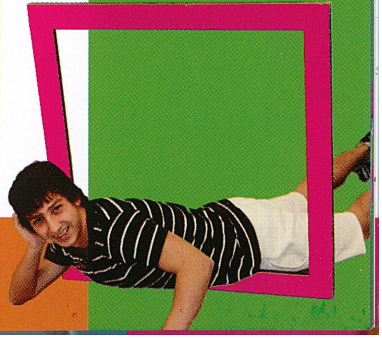
Janessa Young [12]

My most difficult time in my life was when my grandpa passed away. When I first heard the news, everything seemed like a blur. I did not know what to do because I was very close to him. My family and I all stuck together and got through the tough time. I also spent time with my friends and played soccer to keep my mind off of everything. To this day, I still miss him more than anything. I think about all of the good memories we had together. Even though it was a tough situation, I stay active to keep my mind off of it to remain happy.



Stephanie Matesic [12]

The hardest thing I had to overcome was when my grandpa died. I was very sad at first because I was very close to him. I realized that he was probably in a better place because he had been pretty sick. As time passed, it became much easier to deal with. I am very appreciative that my family helped me through this hard time, and I helped them. It would have been difficult to deal with if I was alone. It has been about four years, and now it doesn't cross my mind as often as it did in the past.



"I use music to block out the free world."
Tyler Young [10]

ecret squares

What song gets you most pumped up before a match?

1 ac/dc

"I usually listen to *Thunderstruck* by AC/DC. It's just an overall good song."
Alex Delp [9]

2 close to home

"I jam out to songs from local bands. My favorites are Hometown Advantage, Mays Landing, and Shirts Vs. Skins."
Jake McClarnon [12]

3 brantley gilbert

"Before I come out of the locker room, listening to *Take it Outside* by Brantley Gilbert is a must."
Ryan Hardaway [11]

4 eminem

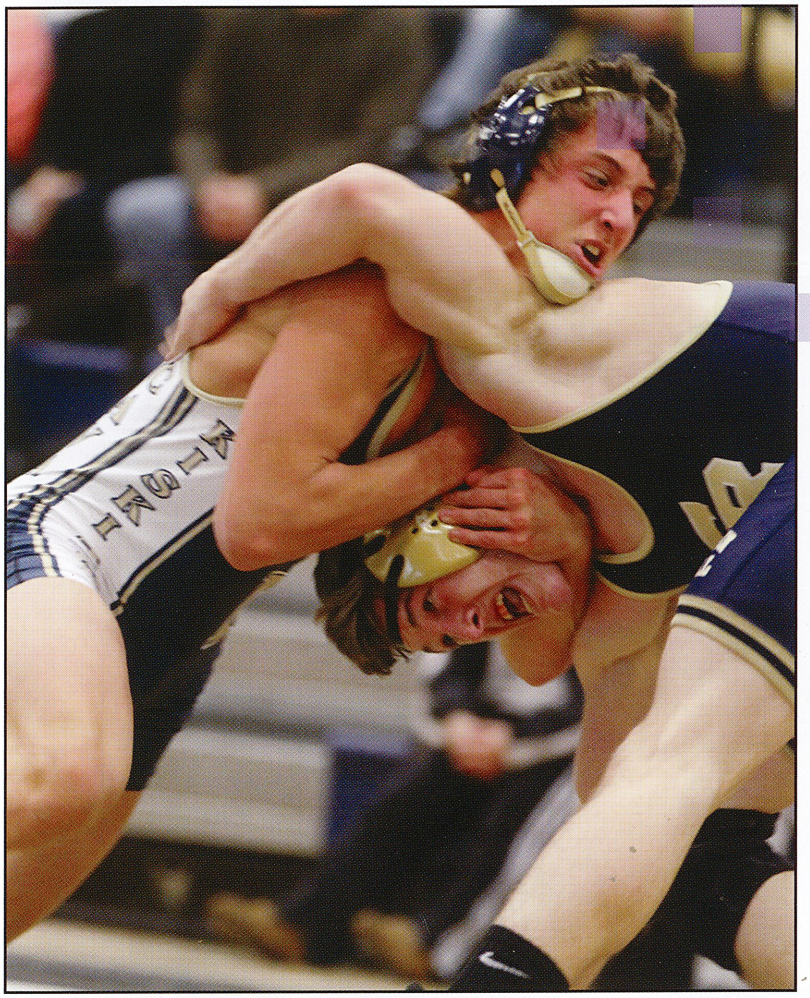
"I don't always listen to music before a match, but when I do, my first choice is *You're Never Over* by Eminem."
Mitch Nagy [11]

Hard fought battle...

During the Franklin Regional home match, Chad Kuhn [9] faces Nate Painter of the Panthers. "It was a close match, and it took all the energy right out of me," Kuhn said. In the fall, Kuhn served as quarterback for the football team.

Pressure forward...

On Friday January 4th, Jake McClarnon [12] attempts to keep his 220 Penn Trafford opponent on the mat. "I try to listen to Tursky as much as possible. He knows what he's doing and is a terrific coach and person," McClarnon said.



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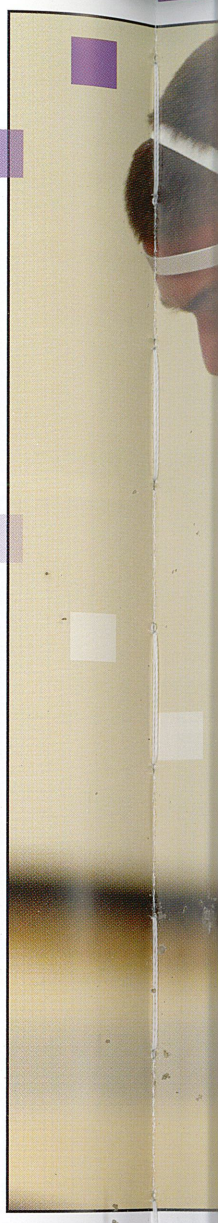


crucial blocks

Date: 12/21/12
Game versus: *Hampton*
Player: Tyler Worthing [9]

"The match was rumored to be really tight. Because we wrestled the night before, we should have got an extra pound. Everyone was over, but we still won big."

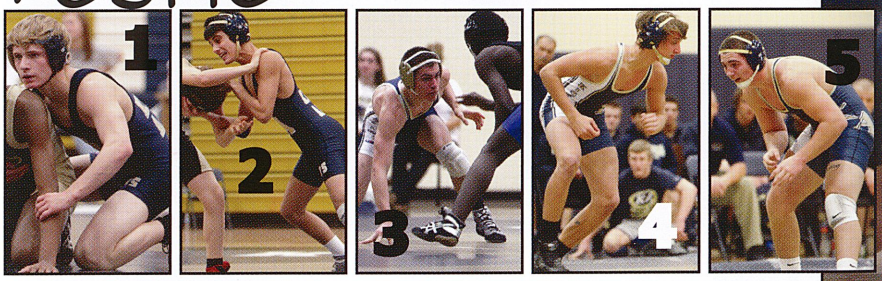
Date: 1/28/13
Game versus: *Connellsville*
Player: Mitch Nagy [11]

"Connellsville and Kiski are really a close match-up this year. We got a few early, big wins, and they didn't respond well. Things got dicey, but we kept our cool."

Date: 1/23/13
Game versus: *Franklin Regional*
Player: Alyk Harris [10]

"Sections was a tough time for us. The match was really close toward the end. We really rallied as a team to get the W, but we fell just a tad short."

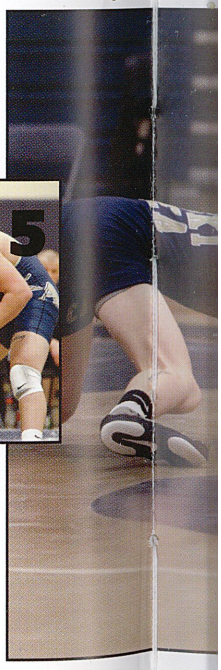
wrestle that class



1) *Garrett Fitzsimmons* [10] - 138 lbs
2) *Jake York* [9] - 106 lbs
3) *Ryan Hardaway* [11] - 120 lbs
4) *Chad Kuhn* [9] - 160 lbs
5) *Tyler Worthing* [9] - 182 lbs

Going gator hunting...

In front of the home crowd, Tyler Faulk [10] attempts to score two against his Gateway opponent. Faulk said, "My opponent ranked in the WPIALs, so I really had to step it up." Faulk wrestled at the 126 weight class and fell a bit short in the match for the win.



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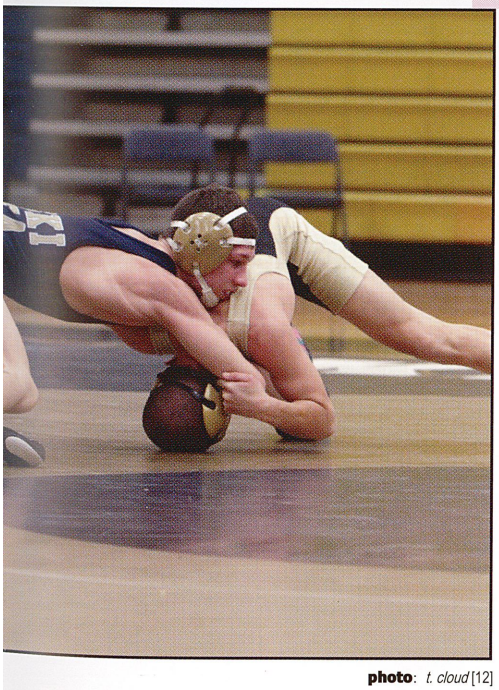

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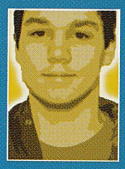
captains' corner

We wanted to get our team to states this year. Also, I really wanted to get opportunities to our younger players to improve.
Kyle Skelly [12]

We wanted to go to states as a team. When that didn't happen, we wanted to get as many individuals there as possible.
Cole Landowski [12]

stumbling blocks

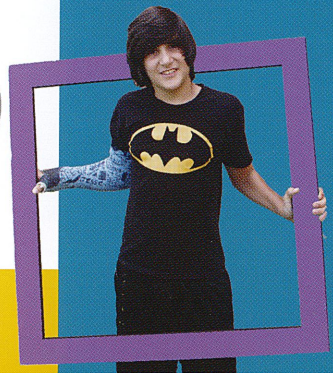


Dustin Stover [12]

The most difficult time in my life was watching my grandfather die. I can truly say that it was the hardest part of my life and probably for my dad, too. I was young, but I still knew him well. My parents and close family came together as one, and we all made it through this tough time. To this day, I can still remember seeing him, but it hurts to think that he is gone forever. I will always remember him and miss the times we spent together. Hopefully, I will get to see him again one day.

Jade Festa [12]

I've always lived with my grandparents. My freshman year, my grandpa had a surgery that went wrong. He was in and out of hospitals and nursing homes for seven months, until his death in June. During those seven months, after school, almost every day I would be home alone because my grandma was visiting him. It was a really stressful time, and I was really upset most of it. My grandpa was like a father to me, so everything was really emotional! I had great friends who were there for me. Katie, Abby, and Jo would cheer me up everyday.



"When I was 12, my mom had to buy me letter blocks to spell my name."
Lane Bauman [13]

what's that about?

players differentiate between golf terms

par

"Par represents the expected amount of shots for a hole for a golfer. Going into a match, my goal is to score par on every hole. If I don't make par on a particular hole, I know that I have to step it up and do my best to make up for it on the next one. Golf is a math game of coming out negative."

Brian Veitch [11]
golfing for 6 years

eagle

"An eagle is when the golfer gets the ball into the hole in two less shots than par. An eagle is a very hard score to get. Most of the time, this score involves a whole lot of luck. I personally have gotten only a few eagles in my golfing career. Still, every time I do, it's so exciting. "

Tyler Paunovich [13]
golfing for 5 years

bogey

"A bogey is when the golfer gets the ball into the hole in one more shot than par. Usually, this score is not a great one to get on any hole. Still, there are some holes that are more difficult to make par than others. On those holes, a bogey is great. Generally, bogies aren't what you want."

Ryan Sciullo [11]
golfing for 5 years

birdie

"A birdie is when the golfer gets the ball into the hole in one less shot than par. It's a very exciting word for me in golfing. Getting a birdie can enlighten the golf round tremendously. Also, a birdie boosts my confidence so that I can hit better shots to get even more birdies."

Adam Robison [12]
golfing for 9 years

photo: *t. gibson* [12]

Practice makes perfect...
Concentrating on his chip to the green, Ryan Sciullo [11] drives his focus to the task at hand. "I formed my technique from hitting up the range and greens before my rounds," Sciullo said. He attended the Seniors PGA Championships in Fox Chapel.

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Tee it up...

Practicing her swing, Rachel Weyant [12] gets focused to play her round at Vandergrift. "My brother worked with me and taught me everything I know," Weyant said. She recognized the Pittsburgh Field Club as her favorite course.

Six...six...six...

On hole six at the Vandergfrift Course, Theresa Gibson [12] retrieves the ball. Gibson said, "Even though the sixth hole is only a par three, it's totally evil. Nobody ever pars it." Her best attempt at the hole was a birdie.

U know

you're a golfer when...

"You clean your clubs before every single match." *Tyler Paunovich* [11]

"You've racked up more miles on a cart than on a car." *Jordan Keibler* [12]

"You could make a full dinner with food left over in your golf bag." *Louisa Gibson* [12]

"You are hitting the range in the winter while it's snowing." *Adam Robison* [12]

"You're constantly practicing your swing, even if you don't have a club in hand." *Brian Veitch* [11]

stumbling blocks

Ryan Barclay [9]

One of the most difficult times in my life was when I started playing football. My first year was in seventh grade, and I had to remember all of the plays. I also had a hard time keeping up with my schoolwork. While it's worth it when you get out on the field in front of the crowd, nothing is better than hitting someone from the opposing team, knowing you're making a difference for the team. Then, when the game is over, it doesn't matter who wins or loses. It just matters that you went out there and did the best that you could.

Alexis Trkula [9]

The most difficult time of my life was when my great grandpa passed away. This happened when I was in sixth grade. It was also the day of my play, so I got one good thing out of it. He lived in Texas, so we had to fly there. My little cousins were on the plane also, and it was their first time flying. My one cousin asked if we could take a cloud home with us. When it was time to get off the plane, my grandma got up and fell on my cousins. That really cheered me up. We had to make the trip into a good time.

"I do my best to block people out when listening to music." Madi Pityk [12]

equip me would ya?

ball

"I have to have my Titleist 1 balls. They are my good luck charm, and they give me the cleanest shot to the green." *Louisa Gibson* [12]

clubs

"I have taylor-made clubs. I saved a lot of money to purchase them. I'd be lost on the green without them." *Jordan Kiebler* [12]

cart

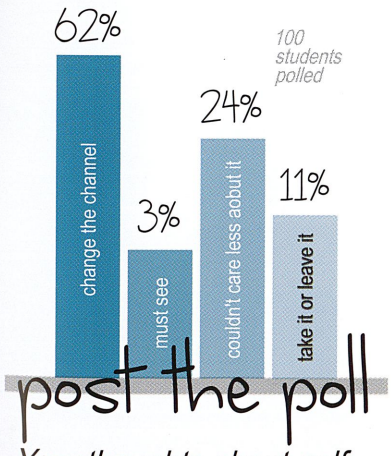
"The carts are so much fun to drive. Still, I remember almost flipping one over once. It was on hole six." *Theresa Gibson* [12]

tee

"The most interesting thing that comes to mind with tees is that Kiebs always seems to have one in his big mouth." *Paul Zanotti* [11]

post the poll

Your thoughts about golf on television...



got to get to know the team

1 *Ariel Ware* [12]
Date: 3/27/12
Versus: Hampton
Position: Manager
photo: *c. murray* [2012 grad.]

2 *Anastasia Clayton* [11]
Date: 4/17/12
Versus: Avonworth
Position: Jumper
photo: *c. murray* [2012 grad.]

3 *Lauren Smeltzer* [10]
Date: 4/27/12
Versus: County teams
Position: Runner
photo: *c. murray* [2012 grad.]

4 *Katie Shick* [10]
Date: 3/27/12
Versus: Hampton
Position: Runner
photo: *c. murray* [2012 grad.]

5 *Zach Fitzsimmons* [12]
Date: 3/27/12
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Position: Jumper
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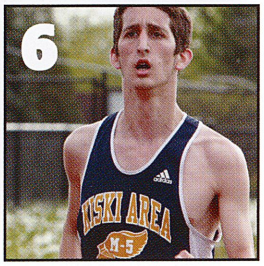


avoid the roadblock

"Don't run away from teamwork. It allows you to make new friends."
Mykenzie Fitch [9]

The race to home...

On the final stretch of the 4 X 800 race, Tyler Snider [12] receives a hand off from Tyler Lookabaugh [12]. "It's imperative to have a smooth hand off because it keeps your time low. If you drop it, you can be disqualified," Snider said. He also ran the mile, two mile, and the 800.

Thunder cloud...

As she conquers the last hurdle at the County meet at Latrobe, Tatiana Cloud [12] stretches out for a strong finish. Cloud said, "I still remember hearing Mr. VanHorn encouraging me toward the finish line." Cloud placed second overall at the meet in her event.

photo: *c. murray* [2012 grad.]

Quick Q&A

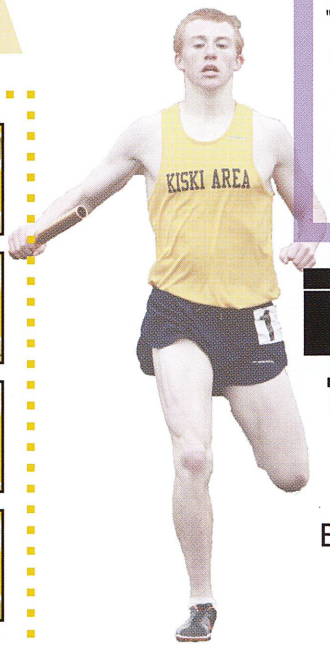
Which event would you never want to attempt?

"*The 4X4 Relay*...Everyone is really fast, and it comes with a lot of pressure. You need good communication and timing."
Josh Swanson [10]

"I definitely wouldn't want to touch pole vaulting with a ten foot pole. I'd fall flat on my face and snap my neck."
Jared DeGore [10]

"I would never want to participate in the long jump. I would probably fall flat on my face into the sand."
Bryce Nelson [11]

"As much as Mr. B would want me to, I will never, ever, run the two mile. I would throw, jump, and vault, but not run that."
Tatiana Cloud [12]



4 insights from runner

Brent Kennedy [11]

What motivates you to train at the level that you do?

"I really value my own personal success. Not only that, but the success of the whole team means a lot to me, too. It's great to see how hard work can pay off in the end, even though the road there was a rough one."

Who is your biggest inspiration for running?

"There are a few people who actually motivate me to run. Hannah Neumann is not the fastest, but she has the most positive attitude on the team. Also, I have to give Coach B some credit. Otherwise, he'll have me run mile repeats."

What do you typically think of when running in the rain?

"Actually, I'd much rather run in the rain than have to run in extreme heat. Any adversity I can get just seems to make it more fun. However, I absolutely hate running in the mud. That seems to happen a lot."

How do you foresee your future in running?

"In the immediate future, I'd like to see our team win another section title. Beyond that, I'd like to win a state championship in either track or cross country. After graduating high school, I'll hopefully run in a Division I program."

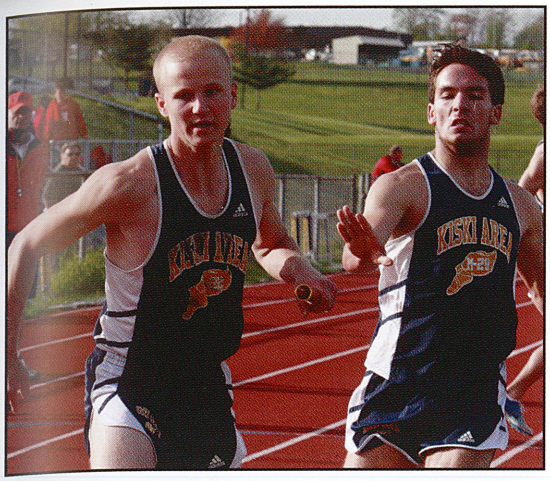


photo: c. murray [2012 grad.]

notethequote

Races aren't won at a meet. They're won in the snow, in the science hallways, and in the crowded weight room.

Mr. VanHorn [fac.]

photo: c. murray [2012 grad.]

Jumping Jake

At a home event in April, Jake Wilson [12] projects himself over the pole vaulting bar. "I was excited that I got over, but embarrassed by my form," Wilson said. Wilson hoped to break the school record before he graduated.

stumbling blocks

Abby Fresh [9]

Life is a road trip with detours, accidents, and false directions. The hardest obstacle on my road was at a soccer tournament in Edinboro. After winning three games, we made it into the playoff game. We tied and had to go into overtime. I was in defense, chasing down a forward who I thought was off sides. I heard a whistle being blown and stopped running. The offensive players took advantage of that and scored a goal. We ended up losing the game. The important lesson here is to never give up, under any circumstance.

Chelsea Thompson [12]

The summer before high school started, I was diagnosed with type one diabetes. The experience was one of the most life-changing aspects I've ever had in every way. I always wondered, "Why does this have to happen to me?" Still, when crises happen, they typically always come with a lesson. The tough times are what made me who I am today. Without the loving support of my friends and family, I just don't know if I would have made it through it. Be grateful for everything and everyone you have in your life.

"When my best friend Nick passed away, it was one of the hardest stumbling blocks of my whole life."
Carly Tomajko [12]

secret squares

What will it take for the Pittsburgh Pirates to win a World Series?

pitching

"They definitely need to get a better pitching staff so that they can actually hold their opponents under 10 runs once in awhile."
Levi Naughton [12]

act of god

"It would seriously take a plague of stink bugs, 15 leprechauns, a field of four-leaf clovers, a bucket of rabbits' feet, and my good looks."
Ty Travaglia [9]

hitting

"Unless the Pirates start to hit the ball better, they will never have a chance at even getting into the playoffs, much less winning the big one."
Vinny Ribar [11]

coaching

"The Pirates absolutely have to acquire a coaching staff that motivates the players through 162 games, not just half the season."
Nick Luciano [9]

crucial blocks

Jersey number: 5
Game versus: *Franklin Regional*
Player: Mike DePanicis [10]

"During the second inning, Franklin Regional was up by two. The count was full. The batter hit a line drive that was over my head; I jumped up and caught it."

Jersey number: 4
Game versus: *North Allegheny*
Player: Ty Travaglia [9]

"During the second game of the year in the third inning, we were losing 3-1. I was sliding into second and got the kid's cleat to my knee. Unfortunately, I was out.

Jersey number: 11
Soccer game vs: *Allegheny Force*
Player: Brian Komoroski [10]

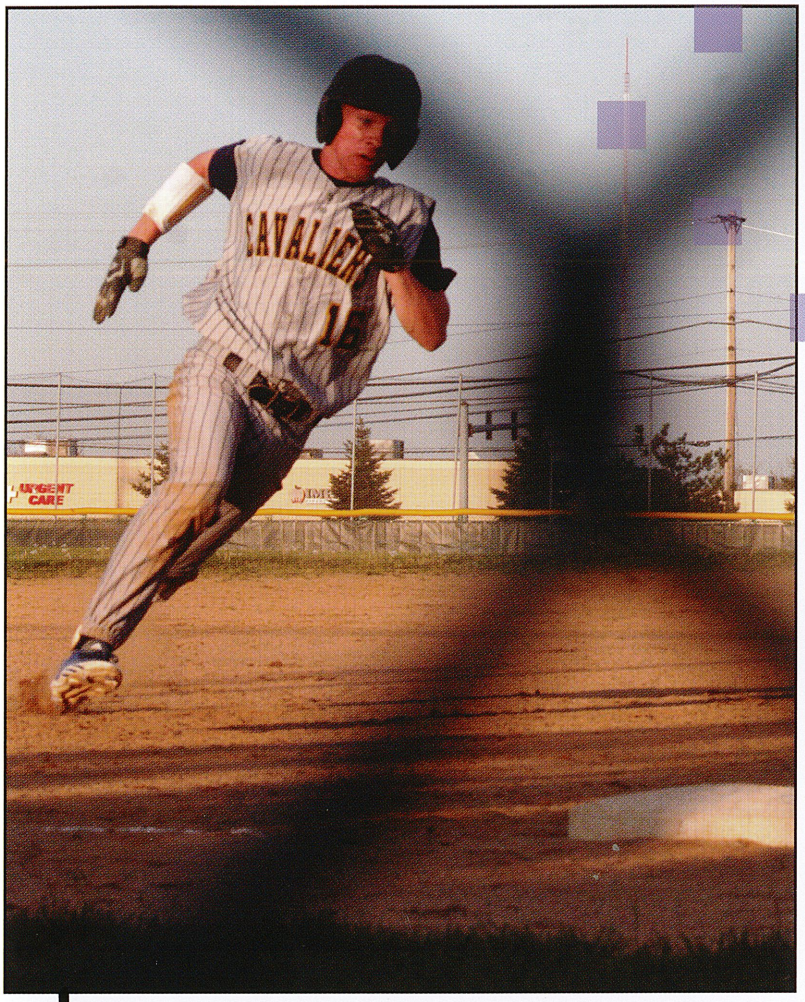
"During soccer season, I broke two bones in my hand. Hence, I only got to play two or three baseball games throughout the season. I even had to have surgery."

Gracious graham...

Rounding third base, Tyler Graham [11] concentrates on making it safely to home plate. "Baseball and agility go hand in hand. You have to have great speed and smarts," Graham said. This particular game lasted almost to midnight.

Pitching perfection...

At a home game against Franklin, Justin Stascak [12] delivers a pitch to the awaiting batter. "I conditioned in the off season and began pitching and drills in the winter to prepare for baseball," Stascak said. After high school, Stascak planned to attend college for phsyical thereapy.



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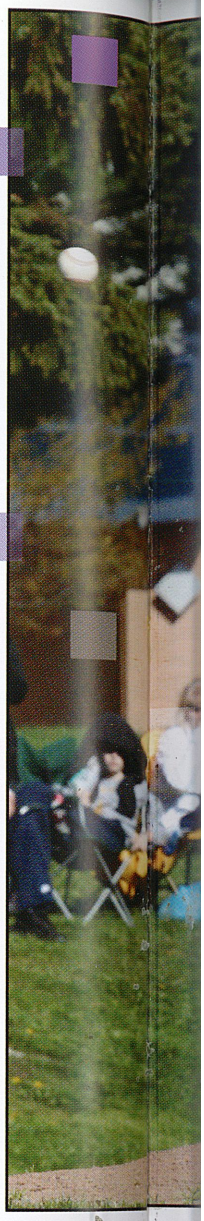
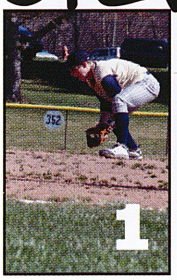
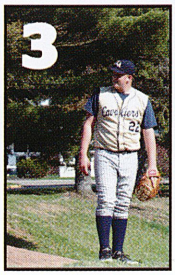
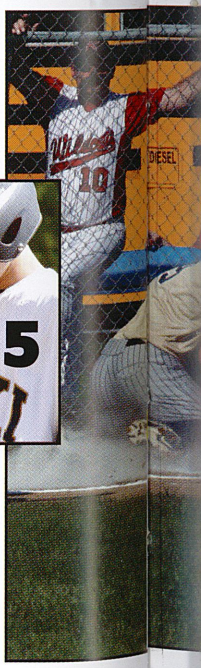


play that position...





1) *Cam Smail* [11] - 2nd (varsity)
2) *Jack Emmerling* [11] - 3rd (varsity)
3) *Troy Glendenning* [12] - 1st (varsity)
4) *Doug Donatelli* [12] - pitcher/ss (varsity)
5) *Jake Satterfield* [9] - 2nd (freshman team)



Another one bites the dust...

During a home game against the Indiana Wildcats, Brandon Smail [11] tags out the opposing player. "It's important to back up the catcher if he misses a ball in the dirt. It keeps runners from scoring," Smail said. Smail successfully tagged out the Wildcat runner.

photo: *j. herstek* [12]

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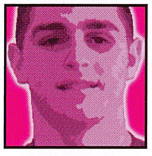
captains corner

After missing playoffs last year, my biggest goal for the season was to set ourselves up early so that we won't have to struggle in the end. *Doug Donatelli* [12]



We definitely want to shoot for the section title this year. It would be great if we could compete for one of the top WPIAL spots. *Cam Smail* [11]

"I love the feeling when I block a girl's spike on the court, especially if she plays for Penn Trafford." Maddie Antone [12]

stumbling blocks

Madison Leiser [12]

In sixth grade, I was diagnosed with a stomach illness. It's funny, because it's called 'gastritis.' When I'm symptomatic, I puke, have a fever, and can't move. Because it happens so frequently, I miss a lot of school. I almost failed by attendance in multiple grades, even though I'm an honor student who earns all A's. From seventh to tenth grade, I attended Children's Hospital for a long series of tests. If anyone ever goes through something like this, I'd say to do your best to keep up with your work and ask your teachers lots of questions.

Dar Galszewski [11]

The most difficult time I've had in my life is when I lost my grandmother to cancer. I have never experienced something so difficult as to watch a loved family member fade away forever. Knowing that I could not do anything for this wonderful woman whom I looked up to so much was sad. Every day that I saw her, she began to grow weaker and weaker. She lost her spirit, and that was very hard for me to see. I love her so much and miss her more every day.

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4) *a. satterfield* [12]
5) *d. brigamen* [12]
6) *c. terrill* [9]

1) Early in the morning, Alexis Satterfield [12] places labels on boxes to place around the school for a Key Club food drive.

2) Before homeroom, Jen Cravener [10] plays guitar for the Bible Club's morning prayer. They met every morning in the atrium.

3) All set up in the main office, Dan Jack [fac.] works on the computer screen to set up for Telethon. The Tech Services Team controlled the broadcasting.

4) In the evening during Open House, Ashley Heater [12], Kyle Cernicky [12], and Rebecca Clark [12] volunteer their time to help parents follow their kids' schedules. National Honor Society organized the September 11 event.

5) During the FBLA Student vs. Faculty Hockey Game, Mr. Swanson [fac.] plays goalie. Mr. Swanson participated in every club-organized sports assembly.

6) Out in Harrisburg, PA, Editor-in-Chief Jocelin Herstek [12] plans out details for the 2013 *Campus* book during the PSPA State Conference. Five staff members spent two days there attending various workshops.

vities

The mediator asked the question. You eagerly buzzed in; you knew this answer. The question went to you, and all eyes turned to your face. You started to give your answer... when all the sudden, your mind went blank... You were blocked.

Quiz team competitions tested members' speeds at the buzzer as well as their wits. If you rung in first, the team relied on you for the answer. "I feel bad when I get an answer wrong for the team. It happens to everyone though. What I really hate is when I know the answer, but as soon as I buzz in, I just can't remember it," Corbin Neumann [11] said. What should I have done? Maybe, the last problem could have been factored after all. Math team members did not buzz in to give an answer, but they felt the pressure of time all the same as they attempted to answer too many questions in too little time. Just a few moments with a blocked brain cost kids a perfect score.

"When you're doing the problems, they all seem impossible. You waste so much time just figuring out how to start the problem. At the end of the round, when they give answers and explanations, you realize common sense would have led you to the right answer," Doug Donatelli [12] said. Thanks to the help of other team members, a blocked mind did not always have to result a lost competition.

"The other team's goalie always tries to block my shots."
Sammy Nepsa [11]

why blocked

This year's business staff thought of more creative ways to sell the book. Each year, we strive to sell more books than prior years. We came up with winter coupons for five dollars off the book. Happy holidays from your staff.

alexis saltzfield [12] - business

We chunked information this year, a technique where rather than writing big long stories, we split it up into mini stories with quotes or even just a topic with many quotes. With some off the wall topics, we hoped to catch the readers' attention.

amber phillips [11] - literary

Photography is an opportunity to capture a moment in time. A photograph shows emotion and the excitement of the event. Photography is a way to help others experience the memory that will last forever

tatiana cloud [12] - photography

Although we capture the high school experience in a few hundred pages, it's not all fun and games. Missing classes, eating out of the year book room pantry, and making sure Alexis doesn't accomplish anything is quite exhausting.

doug donatelli [12] - reporting

The show stopper spreads definitely added an element of surprise in the book. When you flip the page, it is a unexpected design that is so different from all the other uniform spreads in the book. They are my favorite.

katie aller [11] - photography

Getting a lot of people in the book takes a lot of time and work. It couldn't be done without the cooperation within the staff. The cover allowed for 136 people and the end sheets featured 72 more.

dom brigamon [12] - photoshop

The theme really could pertain to anyone's life here at Kiski. At some point, we have all been blocked. I really liked this idea because it gave everyone a chance to relate to the book.

emma rosenstiel [10] - business

The color choices for this year's book are very bright, especially compared to last year. The 2011-2012 book was mainly white with some navy and gold thrown in. This year, it is all about the neon. I love it.

taylor caldwell [10] - literary

I really like the colorization and glow that we put on all of the faces this year. We did it on the cover, the endsheets, and every time somebody gave us a quote. It took a lot of time to do them all.

cheyenne shellhammer [12] - photography

UV coating is something new that we have featured in this book. It is an approach on texture that adds a varnished, glossy effect to items that we designate. We used it on the cover, opening, dividers, and closing.

hannah williams [12] - business

178 activities

Near the end of my junior year, planning began for this book. I knew there was no way that I was going to let this design be boring and colorless. The search began for ideas. I came across the idea of color blocking in the fashion world; it was an up and coming trend that contrasted against the 2012 book enough that I knew we could make it work. I had my heart set on neon, bright colors. I searched through hundreds of color pallets until I found the six colors that appear in this book. From there, everything became blocked. I wanted blocks of people, color blocks, blocked graphics, blocked font, and every other block possible in our high school life. But, if I see one more block...

Covering the entire student life section of the book was extremely interesting. I got to see what students do when they are outside of school. There are a lot of skateboarders and hunters here. I would have never guessed that if I wasn't assigned to student life.

cassitty farrell [11] - photography

As part of reporting staff, my favorite aspect of this year's book is the one-on-one sidebars. They show a close up of somebody's face and are completed with just an interesting quote. They're cute and stand out.

kayla wadsworth [11] - reporting

The whole book link adds a really cool effect to the book. It was a good opportunity to get many peoples' thoughts on the same topic. Even though the spreads are all on different clubs, lives, or sports, the link adds unification.

morgan kiebler [11] - literary

I had to extract people holding the green frame from the background. It was often difficult, especially when the person's skin tone or clothing was similar to their backgrounds. Some of the poses in the pictures were quite... unique.

courtney kowaluk [10] - photoshop

FAVA is my favorite font that we used in the book this year. It easily correlates with the blocked theme because the letters are similar to block letters. Using this font helped keep the theme consistent throughout the book.

samantha nepsa [11] - literary

QR Codes are a really cool idea for the book because instead of just including pictures and words, we can also add video and voice. The QR Codes will always be able to be scanned and watched for years down the road.

jessica lewis [12] - business

I think it's really cool how the cover has different textures on it. I love that some elements are raised up and others are sunken in. Additionally, I love how the blank color blocks look shiny. That came from a UV coating applied to the areas.

megan beer [11] - reporting

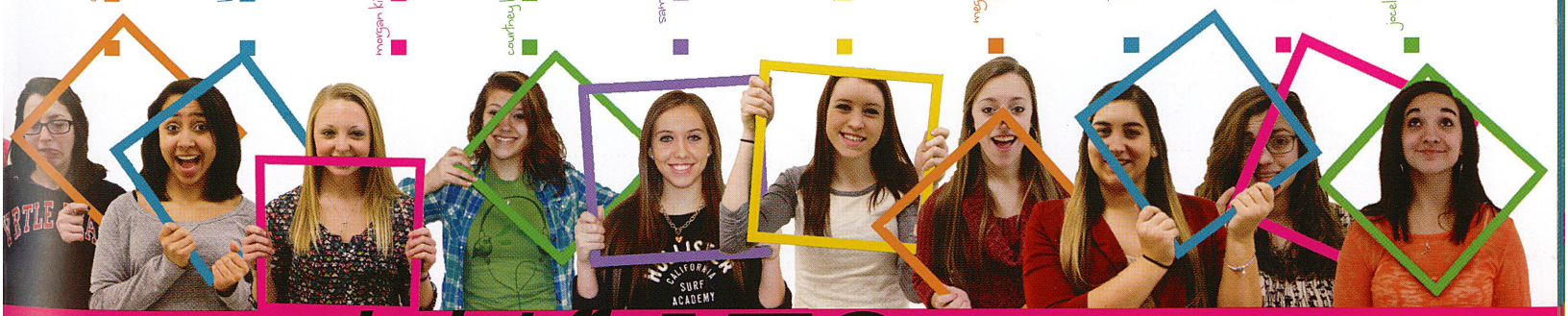
I've gone to the vo-tech for three years now to take pictures and every year, I learn more about the school and students. It is interesting to see how the students actually enjoy working in their fields of study.

theresa gibson [12] - photography

This year, we chose to do something different and utilize cut outs of people in the book. It was a unique change of pace from our past books. My favorite part was photographing the people we used for our page corners.

hannah hohman [12] - photography

jocelin herstek [12] - editor-in-chief



student store

Chrissy Dibas, Brandy Fouse, Lily Gongaware, Hannah Guzolik.

Sponsors: Mr. Schaeffer and Mrs. Manganello

women's choir

Front Row: Jensen York, Callen Rupp, Breanna Byers, Steph Thomas, Gina Bankosh, Tiffani Gregory, Jen Cravener; *Row Two:* Jade Festa, Chloe Simms, Cassidy Lewis, Cheyenne Fazi, Tory Jackson, Amanda Sgourakis, Jordan King, Ashton Prusia; *Row Three:* Jade Majercik, Hannah Dilick, Shania Poney, Darisea Caviness-Mott, Stacey Sikora, Sabrina Altman, Emily Lange, Lucia-Anne Haser; *Row Four:* Chelsea Deluisio, Delaney Colder, Morgan Kiebler, Lauren Lizik, Alyssa Hobbins, Regan Wallace, Gabby Blayden, Sammy Nepsa; *Row Five:* Courtney Stinebiser, Kyjjah Peterson, Lauren Parker, Katlyn Rudacille, Alexandra Seaholm, Alexis Beck, Meagan Ruefle, Elizabeth Recchia; *Back Row:* Kelsie Schafer, Sydney Greece, Marina Stascak, Caitlyn Lockhart, Megan Majersky, Kaylie Dilts, Danielle Mullen, Shelby Bracken.

Sponsor: Mrs. Hampshire

KAndescence

Front Row: Jade Festa, Kali Leibert, Allison Lohr, Cassie Jaskiewicz, Maddy Costanza, Kayla Wadsworth; *Row Two:* Lea Long, Bethany Liska, Marissa Gray, Gracie McDermott, Maggie McDermott; *Row Three:* Mia Gallippi, Katlynn Oliver, Cassie Thompson, Abby Hazlett, Audrey DeMann, Kiersten Kiebler; *Row Four:* Shania Poney, Karisa Cesario, Jacalyn Graham, Taylor Murdock, Natalie Scassera; *Back Row:* Lacey Emmerson, Katherine Debick, Theresa Gibson, Erin Bruce, Tiffany Cupec, Jessica Yohe.

Sponsor: Mrs. Hampshire

winterguard

Front Row: Chloe Simms, Megan Beer, Tricia Kohler, Tiffany Yeager, Kaitlyn Gourley, Jessi Showalter; *Back Row:* Stephanie Marchwinski, Shirley Summerhill, Mattie Morgan, Colleen Neely, Myuanna Lawhorn, Abbey Ballas, Samantha Shamburg.

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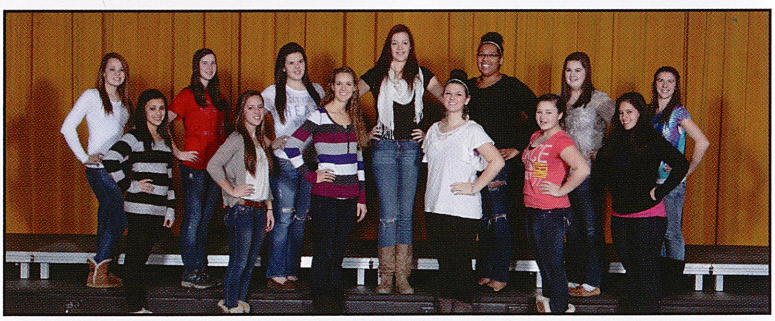

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club blocks

Discuss the most difficult aspect of your club/ensemble

"Making sure that I am on time for school every day in order to sell things is really hard for me."
Student Store
Brandy Fouse
[10]

"It's pretty difficult preparing for all the concerts because once the curtain opens, pressure's on."
Women's Choir
Chelsea Deluisio
[11]

"It's hard to hold our parts vocally. We always seem to sound a lot weaker when we're dancing."
KAndescence
Mia Gallippi
[13]

"Getting everyone to work as a team and stay on the right counts is really a hard task to complete."
Winterguard
Tiffany Yeager
[12]

event focus

ymca show - 12/13/12

Getting vocal...

During their third period women's choir class with Mrs. Hampshire, Kyjiah Peterson [10] and Maria Cecchi [10] sing *Go Where I Send Thee*. "Women's choir was a really good experience because everyone took it seriously and we made great music," Cecchi said.

Through the keyhole...

At the home winterguard competition, Jessi Showalter [12] cleanly catches her flag after a toss-turn. Showalter said, "This year's show is really intense and different than anything we've ever done before. It's not your typical scholastic A show."

In the morning on December 13, 2012, the KAndescence Show Choir traveled one half mile up the road to entertain the elderly involved in the Silver Sneaker Program at the local YMCA. Selections included *Hot Chocolate* from *The Polar Express* and the members gave out cups with hot chocolate in them.

"I loved the smiles on their faces." Kayla Wadsworth [11]

photo: *h. hohman* [12]

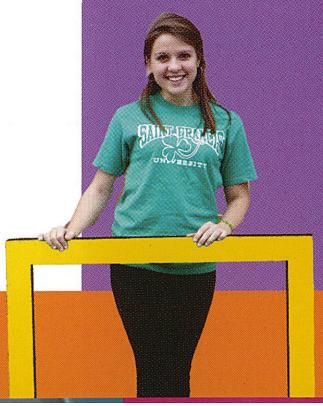
stumbling blocks

Aubree Culp [10]

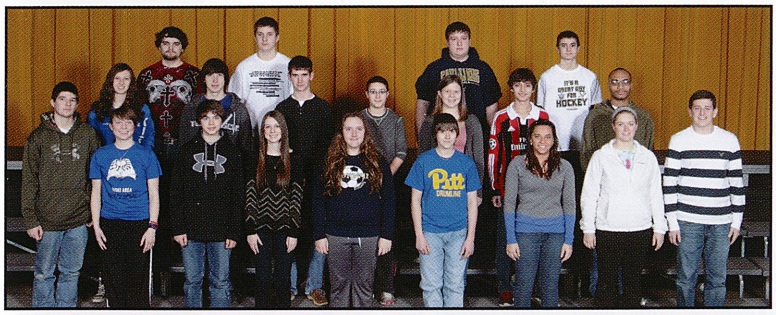
In my life, I have had a lot of obstacles to overcome. But, I never realized how precious life is until it is almost taken away from you. In 2006, my little brother had a seizure. I remember how normal the day was before it happened. Then, when it happened, it felt like I was in a dream, or a nightmare. I can't describe my thoughts. Thankfully, he came out of it and was taken to the hospital. Today, he's okay. We think it was caused by a flu shot. I am so thankful for my family and my brother. Never take life for granted.

Alexis Briggs [10]

I will never forget when my brother got really sick. It got so bad that he had to go into the hospital and ended up being there for three full months. It really was difficult because at all times, one of my parents was in the hospital with him while the other was at home with my younger sister and me. It was hard because I had to step it up at home to help out and still try to maintain my grades at school. He's okay now and healthy. Still, that ordeal made me realize that if I can get through that, I can get through anything.



"Since I'm so short, I get blocked in the halls a lot. It annoys me immensely." Bethany Liska [10]



percussion ensemble

Front Row: Travis Bittinger, Kelly McWilliams, Ethan Hannay, Madison Leiser, Jane Culp, Matt See, Katie Dunnivan, Alayna Korchok, Michael Sevic, Tyler Lewis; *Row Two:* Cecily Petrarca, Evan Kovarik, Nick McClelland, Michael Michelli, Katie Erwin, Mitchell Giordano; *Back Row:* Will Sipe, Clint Klingensmith, Dalton Prew, Justin Ryan.

Sponsor: Mr. Pityk

photo: *k. aller* [11]

wind ensemble

Front Row: Matt See, Lindsay Stankivic, Kevin Gress, Jake Murray, Jen Cravener, Sharyn Taylor, Jacquelyn Jupina; *Row Two:* Alayna Korchok, Hannah Hohman, Katie Erwin, Deana Callipare, Kylene Beckett, Samantha Shamburg, Kelly McWilliams, Katie Dunnivan, Hannah Moore, Katie Ballas; *Row Three:* Evan Kovarik, Mike Hill, Jon Krish, Courtney Kowaluk, Meghan Porter, Tiffany Yeager, Katie Ludwig, Laurel Beatty, Lauren Bono, Zachary Hudak; *Row Four:* Nick McClelland, Evan McWilliams, Andrew Brock, Matt Krachanko, Nick Durkin, Josh Porterfield, Matt Emanuelson, Aleks Krachanko; *Row Five:* Cody Auden, Megan Paullet, Joey Trisoline, Ashlee Shirey, Austin Feydt, Elizabeth Prager, Dayne Auden, Joey Petrarca; *Back Row:* Jared Mountan, Tucker Insko, Cole Insko, Clint Klingensmith, Gavyn Hohman.

Sponsor: Mr. Pityk

symphonic band

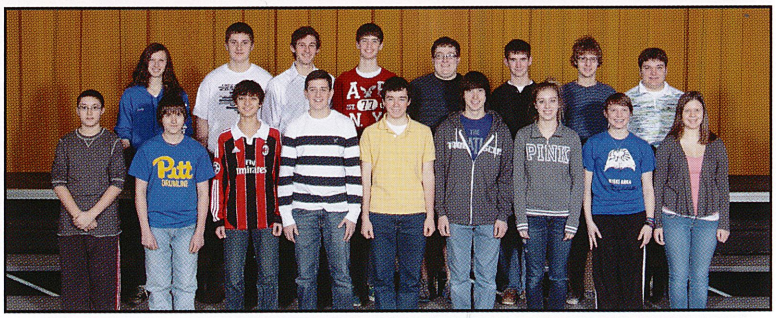
Front Row: Sam Wechta, Megan Omcikus, Cammie Peck, Jacob Stein, Brandon Fello, Rachel Hollinger, Jessi Showalter, Madison Leiser, Maggie Kuzemchak, Kaitlan Kuras, Holly Yamber, Kelly Brocious; *Row Two:* Jane Culp, Kaely Brilhart, Miranda Moses, Meghan Grantz, Marissa Wiles, Raven Terrill, Brittany Fantuzzo, Candace California, Eleana Cook, Lyndsey Weiser, Danetta Gift, Keegan Brock, Matthew Russell, Robert Phillips; *Row Three:* Tara Ritenour, Carly Tomajko, Kayla Johnston, Bridget Brown, Lillie Ashbaugh, Jazmine Lawhorn, Brazel Taylor, Emily Krezan, Samantha Petree, Alex Stadler, Derek Johns, Shannon McAdoo, Kayla Salego; *Row Four:* Nick Vida, Cole Frayne, John-Paul Larko, Edward-James Gardner, Rachel Frye, Emily Verner, Abbey Ballas, Tyler Lookabaugh, Anthony Buccicone, James Roundtree, Alex Troutman, Coty Marchlewski, Hannah Furman; *Row Five:* Adam Zidek, Evan Fitzgerald, Cole Prager, Jared Burk, Matt Moses, Matthew Bisceglia, Zach Choltco, Tyler Lewis, Travis Bittinger, Will Sipe, Tanner George, Matt Joyce, Jerrica Jamison, Michael Luciano; *Back Row:* Nolan Pepka, Luke Nelson, George Kelley, Sam Bowser, Bill Sarraf, Alex Paullet, Chris Rosella, Ryan Ritenour, Brady Bingman, Alec Eshenbaugh, Patrick Miller, Zach Mszyco.

Sponsor: Mr. Heiny

world/open percussion groups

Front Row: Michael Michelli, Matt See, Mitchell Giordano, Michael Sevic, Keegan Brock, Evan Kovarik, Erin Tansimore, Kelly McWilliams, Katie Erwin; *Back Row:* Cecily Petrarca, Clint Klingensmith, Joey Petrarca, Alec Eshenbaugh, Aleks Krachanko, Nick McClelland, Matt Joyce, Matt Krachanko.

Sponsor: Mr. Heiny



club blocks

Discuss the most difficult aspect of your club/ensemble

"Playing the music and learning how to go from treble clef to bass clef is just not that easy."
Percussion Ensemble
Michael Sevic
[9]

"Learning all of the difficult music and constantly striving for a high level of excellence is tough."
Wind Ensemble
Austin Feydt
[11]

"Playing all of our music in the most professional of ways is a really difficult task to complete."
Symphonic Band
Marissa Wiles
[12]

"It's a different ensemble group than a normal band and the music is always new and challenging."
Percussion Groups
Matt Krachanko
[12]

event focus

home competition - 2/2/13

Westward bound...

During fourth period, members of the saxophone section play *West Highlands* under Mr. Heiny's direction. Holly Yamber [10] said, "Mr. Heiny is a great director. He knows when we play something wrong." Yamber played the clarinet for the symphonic band.

Feel the rhythm...

Ready to attack the marimba with his four mallets, Cole Insko [11] focuses in his next chord. Insko said, "The show is really difficult this year, especially the opener." Insko also performed in marching band, jazz band, and wind ensemble for the school.

On the day when Punxsutawney Phil failed to see his shadow, members of the Open and World Percussion Ensembles assembled in Gym A to preview their 2013 show entitled *Allelujia* and *aMUSEd* respectively. Additionally, the winterguard unveiled their *Alice in Wonderland* themed show called *Alice*.

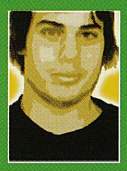
"I like the World show better." Matthew See [11]

photo: *h. hohman* [12]

stumbling blocks

Derek Johns [12]

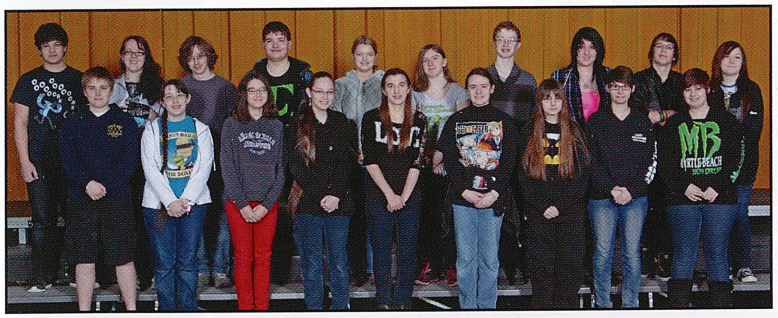
The hardest thing that I have had to deal with is dealing with other people. Some people are really annoying and hard to work with. This is made worse when you have to work with these people. One way I have dealt with this is by ignoring them. I have found that it helps to make them not associate with you, and they go away. It is a pain when you are expected to work on projects with them, and they do not pull their share of the weight. All in all, it is not a huge deal, just another inconvenience to everyone.



Alex Strader [12]

The hardest thing that I had to do was to get over my grandfather's death. I got through it with my family and friends that I had. Mostly, I got hit the hardest because I was there when he went down. Now I got to help others get back up. I thank my brother, Garrett, and my sister, Samantha, for helping me get through the horrible event. All my family members helped. My best friend, Cole Prager, helped out a lot by being there when I was down. Every twenty-fifth of the month, I pray for my grandfather to help me and the people I love to watch over us.

"It's not fun getting blocked by a 300 pounder from Gateway down in the trenches." Jake Seagroff [13]



anime

Front Row: Tyra Hinkle, Emma Lloyd, Sarah Mozga, Bridget Lloyd, Breanne Gray, Sharyn Taylor, Samantha Scott, Heather Fazenbaker, Allyssa Shirley; *Back Row:* Cole Frayne, Briana Crabill, Jacob Stein, Austin Stewart, Rayanna Posney, Jessica Ault, Michael Brandle, Alex Pablo, Charles Lyman, Megan Puckey.

Sponsor: Mrs. Chou

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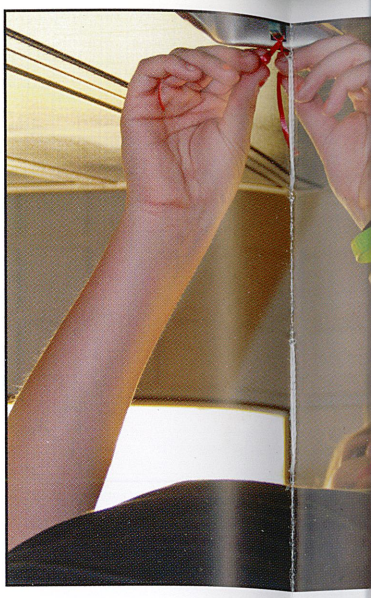


red ribbon

Front Row: Jordan King, Mary-Kate Barker, Erin Antoniono, Emma Rosensteel, Megan Beer; *Row Two:* Leah Deitt, Mariah Singerman, Kayla Wadsworth, Jackie Graham, Paige Krug, Karisa Cesario, Megan Erwin; *Row Three:* Cassie Jaskiewicz, Megan Aller, Lindsey Caldwell, Stacey Sikora, Marissa Gray, Delaney Colder; *Row Four:* Jordyn Palla, Rachael Winiesky, Lauren Brosko, Katie Lewis, Paris Krug, Chelsea Deluisio, Katie Aller; *Row Five:* Alex Seaholm, Trish Berry, Lauren Lizik, Lauren Bono, Rachel Frye, Emily Verner; *Back Row:* Anastasia Clayton, Jaleesa Brown, Chris Pollick, Kaylie Dilts, Brandi Smith, Danielle Richardson.

Sponsor: Mrs. McAfee

club blocks

Discuss the most difficult aspect of your club/ensemble

"For me, it's leading the group and figuring out what we should do every week. It's hard being in charge."
Anime
Sharyn Taylor
[11]

"Since we meet only once a month, it's really hard knowing what's going on sometimes."
Red Ribbon
Jordan King
[11]

"Remembering to bring in the specified items for the project at the present time is hard to do."
SADD
Morgan Leasure
[12]

"Having to read the books and remember the details about them for the competitions is hard."
WIRC
Jerrica Jamison
[10]

sadd [srs.]

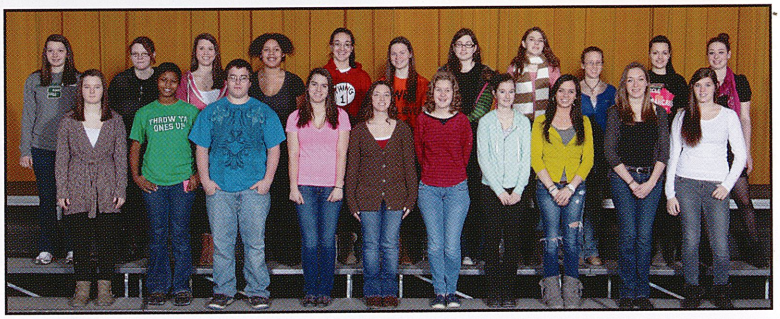
Front Row: Brandi Smith, Callen Rupp, Jade Festa, Kylie Weber, Hannah Gentile; *Row Two:* Alannah Walker, Gretchen Stewart, Anna Scanga, Steph Matesic, Ashley Heater, Morgan Leasure; *Row Three:* Danielle Richardson, Darrah Resnick, Janessa Young, Sydney Greece, Alexis Satterfield; *Row Four:* Janna Pizarchik, Ashley Morabito, Megan Paullet, Katlyn Rudacille, Caitlyn Lockhart, Ciaira Price; *Back Row:* Kaylie Dilts, Brad Ziegler, Megan Majersky, Stephanie Sikora.

Sponsor: Mrs. McAfee

wirc

Front Row: Abby Hopkins, Alannah Walker, Brett Hackman, Gina Cecchi, Sammie Zourelias, Aimee Pizarchik, Casey Maher, Emma Rosensteel, Amber Phillips, Mindy Vucho; *Back Row:* Hannah Neumann, Bethany Tingler, Sarah Strickengloss, Ariel Ware, Jocelin Herstek, Katie Aughenbaugh, Jerrica Jamison, Erin Bruce, Marissa Wiles, Ellie Petro, Rachael Minda.

Sponsor: Mr. Swanson



event focus

snow ball dance - 1/19/13

All tied up...

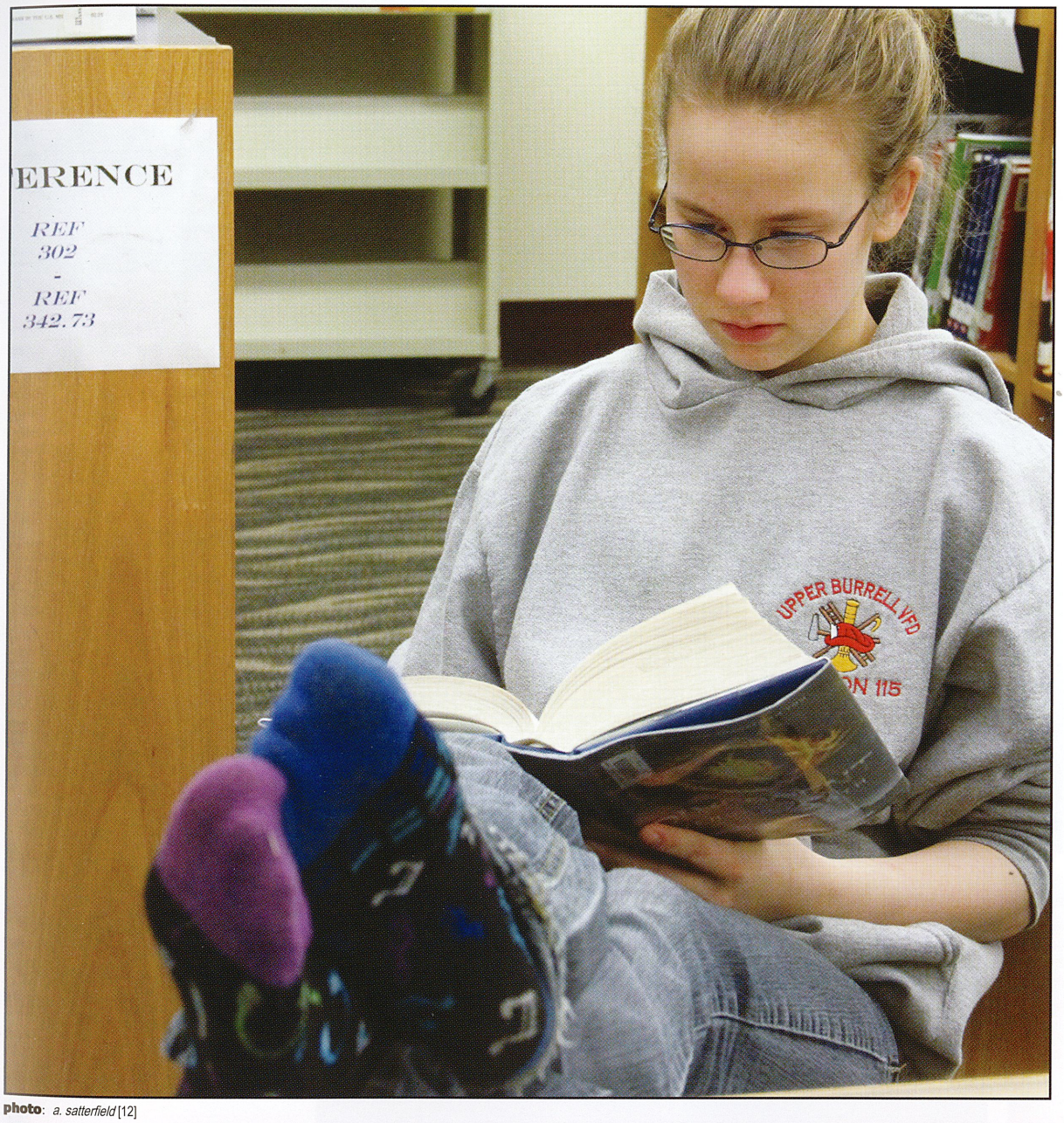
To celebrate Red Ribbon Week, Alex Seaholm [11] ties a red ribbon on one of the lockers in the 200 building. Seaholm said, "Tying those ribbons took a really long time to complete." The club members also brought in red candy for the elementary kids.

Ready to read...

To prepare for the WIRC competition held at Seton Hill University on March 25, Marissa Wiles [12] reads *Divergent* by Veronica Roth. Wiles said, "I really love the book. It really keeps me interested." The school took two teams of 12 to the event.

Held in Gym B on January 19, 2013, students and faculty both attended the SADD-sponsored Snow Ball. Organized by Brandi Smith [12] and Danielle Richardson [12], the event lasted from seven to ten in the evening. The crew developed a *Fire and Ice* theme with flame lanterns and a winter wonderland ice display.

"It was a really good time." Armond Brown [11]



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stumbling blocks

Mia Gallupi [10]

The most difficult time in my life was when my grandma passed away. It was very hard because she was very ill in the hospital with cancer and several other sicknesses. My grandma and I were very close. She was just like a mother to me. When I was a little girl, she used to visit me almost everyday. My friends and my family helped me through it all, especially Loren Mechling. It was just so difficult because she suffered a long time before she passed. She didn't deserve to be that sick. I hope she is healthy in a much better place.

Marissa McCullough [12]

I had to overcome the passing of my gram in October. I always went to her house and played marbles and Skip-Bo. It was really hard when she passed away. I was really sad for awhile, but then I decided I needed to be happy for her because she is no longer struggling. I went to see her at her grave often. It really helped me overcome it when my pap gave me her favorite marbles. I carry them around with me everyday in her memory. It really helped me get through it. The marbles made it so gram is still with me.

"In cosmetology, we do perm blocking for a grade."
Brianna Morgan [13]

gmk

Front Row: Kaytee Oliver, Mary-Kate Barker, Kaylee Hansberry, Tara Stolarski, Lea Long, Chelsea Thompson, Jordan Kiebler; *Row Two:* Katherine Debick, Tory Jackson, Jackie Graham, Stacey Sikora, Lexie Steele, Janessa Young, Danielle Richardson, Gracie McDermott; *Back Row:* Rachel Frye, Gabriella Petro, Zach Fisher, Tyler Snider, Shawn McGowan, Noah Kennedy, Dylan Dulick, Ciaira Price, Brad Ziegler.

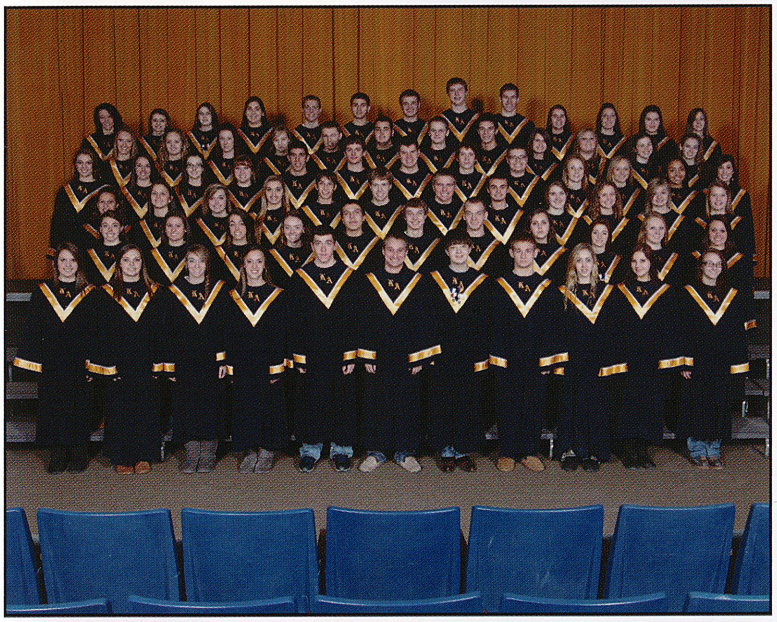
Sponsor: Mrs. Jacobs

photo: *h. hohman* [12]

concert choir

Front Row: Sadie Laero, Zach Wilson, Maddy Costanza, Austin Moorhead, Callen Rupp; *Row Two:* Bella Spanbauer, Timmy Conroy, Joe Young, Andrew Kenzevich, Cameron Smail, Breanne Byers; *Row Three:* Carly Romano, Samm Shirey, Tyler Morabito, Matt Duncan, Jaleesa Brown, Brianna Black, Lauren Parker; *Back Row:* Katlyn Rudacille, Caitlyn Lockhart, Joe Brungo, Shane Kuhn, Jason Schall, Gabriella Petro.

Sponsor: Mrs. Hampshire



cavalier choir

Front Row: Bethany Liska, Lea Long, Marisa Kish, Megan Beer, Ben Kinnamon, Austin Moorhead, Joe Brungo, Jacob Ardellitz, Kiersten Kiebler, Jade Festa, Tiffani Gregory; *Row Two:* Hannah Milheim, Lizzy Wilkinson, Gracie McDermott, Allison Lohr, Tim Secreto, Ian Moorhead, Tyler Graham, Audrey DeMann, Kali Leibert, Cassie Jaskiewicz, Maddy Costanza; *Row Three:* Sadie Laero, Casey Nasetka, Jesse Temple, Montana Churma, Dylan McQuaide, Matthew Kish, Michael Murawski, Austin Linder, Kara Headley, Megan Erwin, Shania Poney, Janna Pizarchik; *Row Four:* Natalie Scassera, Maggie McDermott, Abby Hazlett, Kaylee Hansberry, Angelo Principe, Corey Cerra, Michael Smith, Alex Lohman, Ryan Clever, Jackie Graham, Karisa Cesario, Kayla Wadsworth, Mia Gallippi; *Row Five:* Jessica Yohe, Emma Weaver, Miranda Kumpf, Hannah Steele, Shawn McGowan, Dylan Dulick, Ben Fiore, Jared DeGore, Meagan Ruefle, Lacey Emmerson, Cassie Thompson, Rebecca Clark; *Back Row:* Shelby Wikert, Tiffany Cupec, Erin Bruce, Theresa Gibson, Nathan Kiebler, Matt Cecchetti, Noah Kennedy, Zach Mszyco, Jacob Wilson, Ciaira Price, Rachel Sebak, Mattie Morgan, Brittany Miller.

Sponsor: Mrs. Hampshire

vocal jazz

Front Row: Hannah Milheim, Austin Moorhead, Kiersten Kiebler, Austin Linder, Lizzy Wilkinson, Shawn McGowan, Cassie Thompson, Dylan Dulick, Maddy Costanza, Joe Bruno; *Back Row:* Nathan Kiebler, Natalie Scassera, Jared DeGore, Audrey DeMann, Megan Paullet, Matt Emanuelson, Erin Bruce, Ben Fiore, Meagan Ruefle, Ian Moorhead, Kali Leibert.

Sponsor: Mrs. Hampshire

club blocks

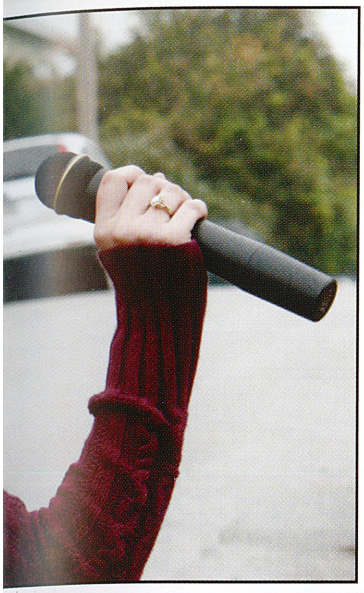
Discuss the most difficult aspect of your club/ensemble

"For me, the hardest part of being on camera is trying not to trip over my own words."
Good Morning Kiski
Chelsea Thompson
[12]

"I think that the hardest part is trying to match the key and pitch of every song that we sing."
Concert Choir
Cam Smail
[11]

"It's hard to learn the music when the whole choir doesn't meet together every day."
Cavalier Choir
Shania Poney
[11]

"I think having less boys than normal makes us sing stronger and the music much harder."
Vocal Jazz Club
Jared DeGore
[10]



event focus

alle-kiski choir - 11/28/12

Oh say, can you see?

On the morning of October 5, 2012, Meagan Ruefle [12] sings the National Anthem before the start of the 5K race at Davis Field. "Because of the rain, it was very wet outside. It also caused a cool echo around the area," Ruefle said.

10th anniversaries...

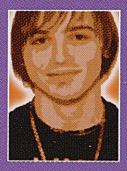
To commemorate the 10th anniversary of 9/11, members of the vocal jazz choir sing on Good Morning Kiski. Anchor Jordan Kiebler [12] said, "We decorated the set in red, white, and blue for the event." Kiebler anchored the program for one full week of every month.

Held at Highlands High School in Natrona Heights, the Highlands Rotary Club hosted a festival that welcomed six local schools to join together in song. Each school performed separately, and then they all came together to perform Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus* as the event's grand finale.

"It brought choir to the community." Erin Bruce [11]

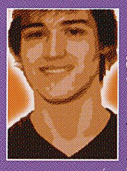
photo: *k. aller* [11]

stumbling blocks



Ryan Shaner [12]

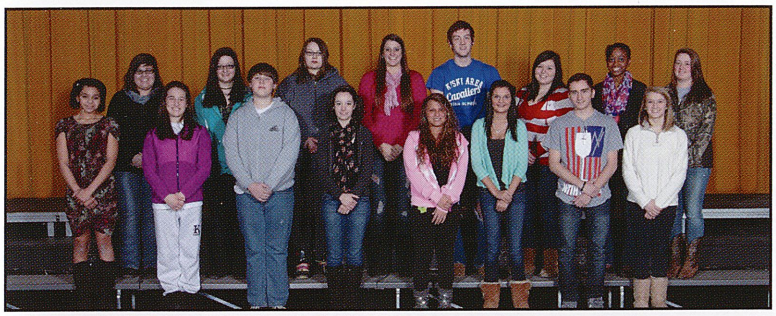
The most difficult time in my life was when my pap died. Everything was going well at his funeral until I saw my grandma. When I saw her crying, it made me upset, and then I started to cry because I realized how lost she was going to be without him. The last thing that my pap wanted to see before he passed away was the new bridge in Apollo when it was done being built. It was only several months before it being completed that he did pass away, and it made me very sad that it was so close to being done, but he couldn't see it.



Luke Nelson [12]

When I was young, just as most kids do, I was eating cookies and milk. Still, before I even started, something horrible happened. Much to my dismay, the cookie did not fit in the glass of milk. I did not want to break the cookie because that ruins the mood. Just when I was ready to throw my hands up into the air into sad defeat, my dad walked into the room. After much thought, he went into the kitchen and got me a bigger glass of milk. Thank goodness... my problems were solved.

"When I'm pitching in a softball game, I block out all spectators' comments." Kelsey Kinnamon [9]



environmental

Front Row: Raven Roland, Lauren Schaeffer, Michael Bosley, Sierra Maher, Jessica Hornyak, Brittany Tygielski, Brandon Fairman, Steph Thomas; *Back Row:* Taylor Daw-Romano, Ariel Black, Jess Machak, Madelynn Antone, Christian Cryer, Madison Pityk, Tatiana Cloud, Kaitlan Kuras.

Sponsor: Mrs. McCluske

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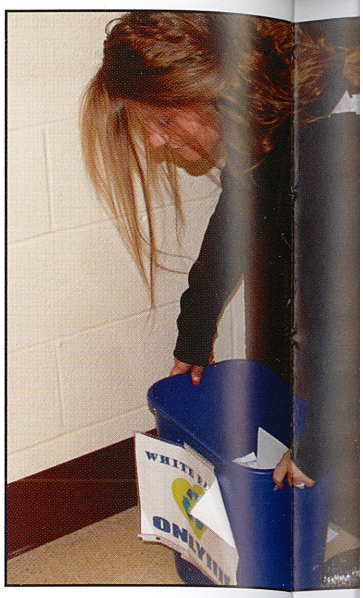


active/animals

Front Row: Elizabeth Shaffer, Rachel Tamborski, Jocasta Troya, Meghan Grantz, Morgan Leasure; *Row Two:* Alyssa Hobbins, Branda Kiebler, Brandye Pavlovic, Kelly Schreiber, Tory Jackson, Marisa Kish; *Row Three:* Jessica Simmons, Jessica Ban, Jessi Showalter, Tatiana Cloud, Madison Leiser; *Row Four:* Kathy Aller, Carly Romano, Kaitlyn Kendall, Brianne Sofaly, Samantha Petree, Kelly McWilliams; *Row Five:* Gisela Martinez, Jaleesa Brown, Alexandra Seaholm, Ariel Ware, Katie Aughenbaugh; *Back Row:* Conner Bardine, Ryan Bowen, Shannon McAdoo, Elizabeth Prager.

Sponsor: Mr. Swartzlander

club blocks

Discuss the most difficult aspect of your club/ensemble

"When we collect the recyclables, the bags always rip, and it is extremely frustrating for me."
Environmental Club
Kaitlan Kuras
[10]

"Knowing that you can't help all of the hurting and hungry animals is really difficult to deal with."
Active for Animals
Lizzy Shaffer
[11]

"It's hard to try to stay true to your beliefs when others try to influence you and break your strength."
Bible Club
Austin Moorhead
[12]

"It's hard to remember all the information I have to know since it's so in depth and intense."
Envirothon Team
Zak Hudak
[11]

bible

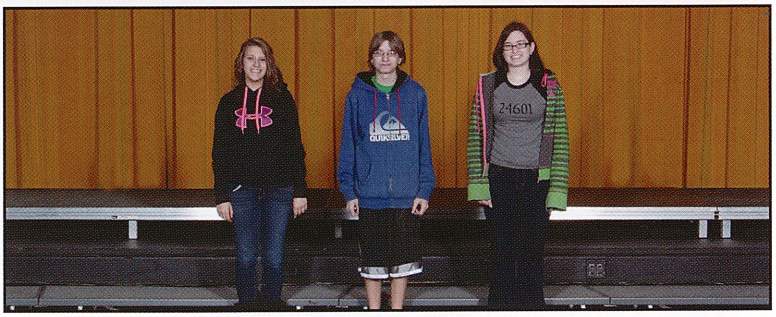
Front Row: Marissa Wiles, Jordan Laero, Kaitlin Meanor, Kevin Gress, Samantha Shamburg, Jen Cravener, Jacob Murray; *Row Two:* Luke McElroy, Matthew Mastorovich, Austin Moorhead, James Tonecha, Tanner Shick, Katie Shick; *Row Three:* Montana Churma, Alexandra Wasson, Bridget Brown, Samantha Petree, Miranda Moses, Kelly McWilliams, Meghan Grantz; *Row Four:* Alexis Briggs, Nick Madzy, Jake Dykes, Michael Longo, Tyler Lookabaugh, Tara Ritenour, Lauren Parker; *Back Row:* Paul Murray, Frank Longo, Tim Collins, Greg Kelley, Jared Mountan, Megan Paullet, Micah Reese.

Sponsor: Mrs. Scalise

envirothon

Jerrica Jamison, Courtney Kowaluk, Zachary Hudak.

Sponsor: Mr. Lemmon



event focus

animal tree - december/12

On the paper trail...

As one of their main goals, Jessica Hornyak [12] from Environmental Club collects the paper for recycling. "I hate when we have to go through the bins and take out trash the people have thrown in," Hornyak said.

Gracious gifts to God...

On February 12, 2012, Jen Cravener [11], Tara Ritenour [12], and Lauren Parker [12] offer thanks for the blessings of the day. Parker said, "Bible Club in the mornings is encouraging and allows me to meet with other Christians from the area."

A few weeks before the December holiday break, Active for Animals set up a tree of ornaments with animals and a wish list on them. Students and faculty could pick an ornament and then purchase the items listed on the back. The purchases benefited homeless animals around the local area.

"It felt really good to help the animals." Tatiana Cloud [12]

photo: *k. aller* [11]

stumbling blocks

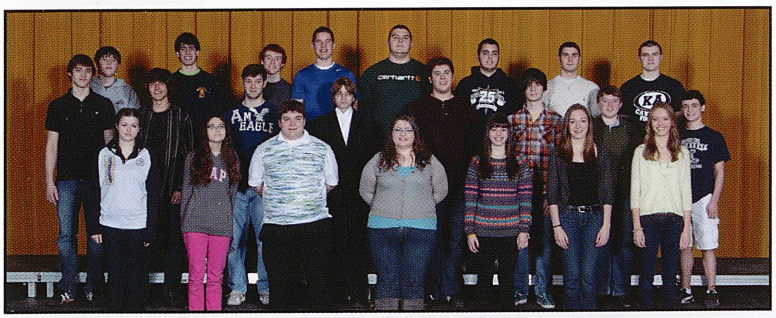
Blake Rojeski [12]

The most difficult time in my life was the occurrence of a near death situation of a loved one. On that day, I walked up the driveway, instead of running. I looked around the yard, and I saw nature for the first time in a while. I heard the buzz of silence in the house for the first time in a while. I have to sit alone unaware of the situation for the first time in a while. And on that day, all I had was a bowl of soup and a television to lead the way.

Rachel Hallinger [12]

I will be honest and say that there is nothing that I really have had to overcome in my life. I just haven't experienced a situation like that yet, but with that being said, I have seen and known a lot of people who have gone through some hard times. When I see people I know going through this, I try to be one of the people that helps them get through it. I am a friend whenever they need me, and I will try to help them overcome their situations. I really try to help others deal with their hard times whenever I can.

"Every time Joe Brungo shoots a layout, I block him." Nick Stone [12]



math team

Front Row: Cassie Thompson, Sarah Mozga, Matt Krachanko, Jessica Mull, Steph Lednak, Amber Phillips, Jessica Yohe; *Row Two:* Luke Nelson, Blake Rojeski, Charles Law, Zachary Hudak, Austin Feydt, Derek Johns, Kevin Gress, Jake Murray; *Back Row:* Michael Bosley, Paul Murray, Brent Kennedy, Tyler Paunovich, Andrew Yohe, Dylan Dulick, Doug Donatelli, Jordan Hessom.

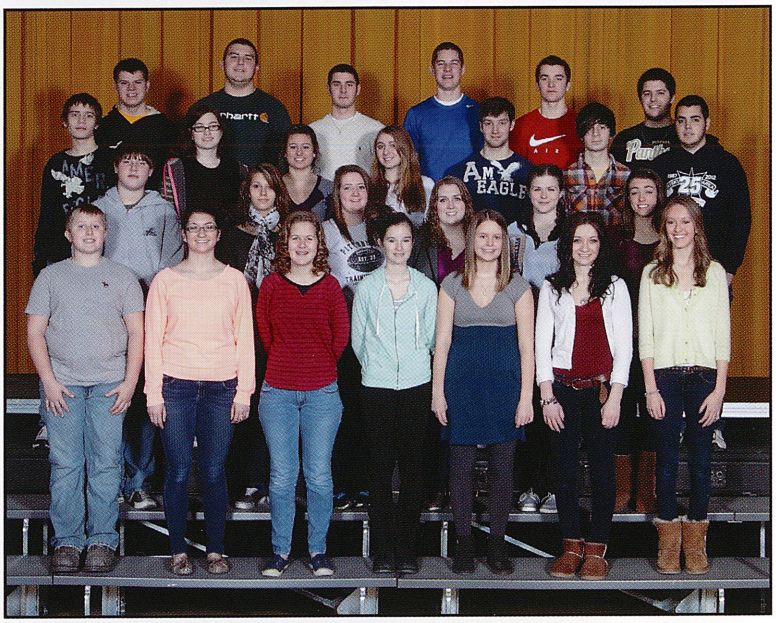
Sponsor: Mr. Jankowski

photo: a. valeski [fac.]

acad quiz team

Front Row: Kyle Orris, Katie Ludwig, Aimee Pizarchik, Casey Maher, Megan Erwin, Caitlyn Ziemianski, Jessica Yohe; *Row Two:* Michael Bosley, Courtney Kowaluk, Kaitlan Kuras, Hannah Guzolik, Cassie Thompson, Gracie McDermott; *Row Three:* Garrett Stadler, Jerrica Jamison, Lizzy Wilkinson, Jackie Cavendish, Charles Law, Derek Johns, Dylan Dulick; *Back Row:* Michael Smith, Andrew Yohe, Doug Donatelli, Tyler Paunovich, Corbin Neumann, Tim Ragan.

Sponsors: Mrs. Poleski and Mrs. Cutone



club blocks

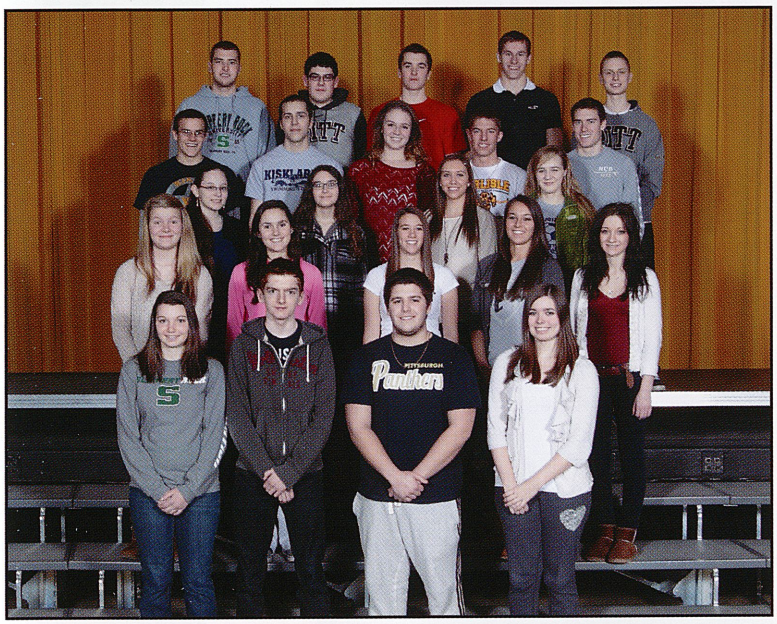
Discuss the most difficult aspect of your club/ensemble

"Figuring out answers to extremely difficult questions that they ask really tends to rack your brain."
Math Team
Jess Yohe
[11]

"Trying to keep up with all the hard questions that we have at our meets is a really difficult task."
Academic Quiz Team
Kyle Orris
[9]

"The hardest part is going up against all the other FBLA members from across the state of PA."
FBLA
Kevin Heasley
[11]

"It's hard to prepare crosses, directs, openings, and closings for all of the trials we have."
Mock Trial
Caleigh Anderson
[9]



fbla

Front Row: Hannah Neumann, Kevin Heasley, Tim Ragan, Chrissy Dibas; *Row Two:* Meghan Porter, Anna Collins, Kylie Weber, Steph Sikora, Caitlyn Ziemianski, Anna Lloyd, Sarah Mozga, Sammy Nepsa, Hannah Steele; *Row Three:* Ross Jubic, Jacob Walter, Megan Majersky, Dan Antoniono, Brad Ziegler; *Back Row:* Richard Dengler, Brian Veitch, Corbin Neumann, Jacob Wilson, Sean DeCarlo.

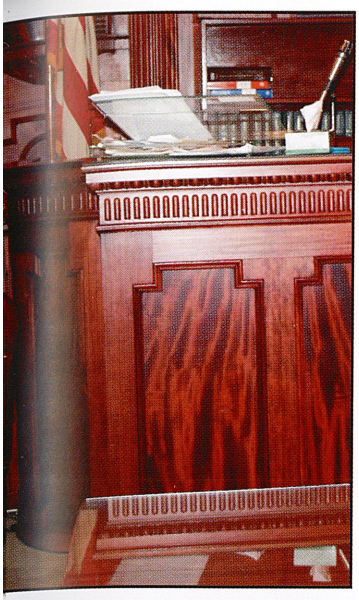
Sponsor: Mrs. Valeski

mock trial

Front Row: Emma Lloyd, Anna Lloyd, Caleigh Anderson, Alex Paes, Casey Allen, Haley Potter, Ryan Gress; *Back Row:* Jessica Ban, Elizabeth Shaffer, Meghan Porter, Caleb Scutt, Jake Kaminski, Courtney Kowaluk, Jerrica Jamison.

Sponsor: Mrs. Valeski

event focus AMC - 2/20/13



Order in the court...

Just after a competition for Mock Trial, Jessica Ban [11] discusses the event with her teammate, Anna Lloyd [9]. "The Greensburg Courthouse is really beautiful," said Ban. The team argued against Greesburg Salem and fell slightly short of a victory.

The bigger they are...

Eager to capture the ball, Brad Ziegler [12] almost knocks Mr. Guzzie [fac.] off his feet. "I guess that my talents were just too much for Mr. G. The only thing bigger than his fall was his bruised ego." Ziegler played hockey for the varsity team.

The math team traveled to Penn State New Kensington to compete in the annual American Mathematics Competition. Members had an hour and forty-five minutes to answer twenty-five questions on a variety of questions without the aid of a calculator. Students got to tour the campus and then eat pizza at Pizza Hut.

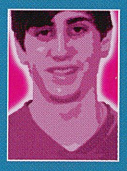
"It's always a great challenge." Andrew Yohe [11]

photo: *h. hohman* [12]

stumbling blocks

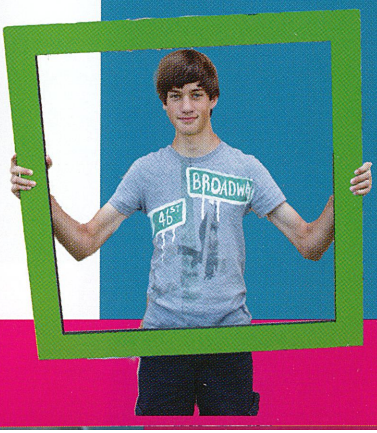
Zach Fitzsimmons [12]

When I was younger, I made the terrible mistake of lying to my parents. They were hurt, upset, and felt their trust had been used. That was worse than any punishment. Seeing them like that made me understand what I did was wrong. I told myself I never wanted to see them like that again or put myself through that. It took a lot to gain their trust back and even longer for their respect. I had to make sacrifices and change a part of me, but it benefitted me in the long run. I am a better person for it. I thank them every day for that.



Zach Ferraccio [12]

One of the hardest times of my life was dealing with my grandfather's death. I believe I was seven years old and couldn't grasp what was happening entirely. I faintly remember being at the hospital, not being allowed to see him, as he was dying. That's a really difficult life lesson to deal with at such a young age. Because of that, I will never forget that day or the doctor who forbade me to see him. Still, I'm just glad to realize now that time heals everything.



"When times get tough and life blocks me, I have my friends and family to build me up."
Zach Geiselhart [9]

campus yb staff

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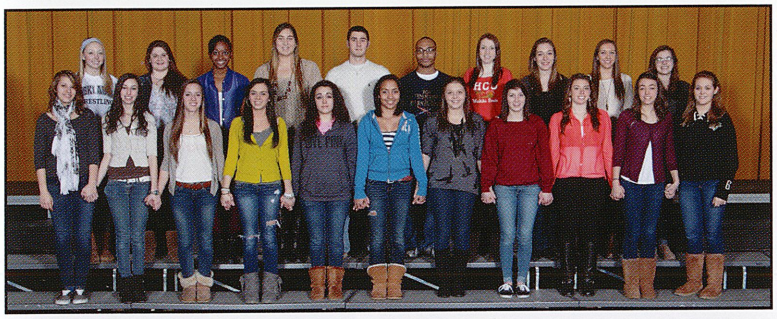
Sponsor: Mr. Fantaski



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national honor society

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Sponsors: Mrs. Flick and Mrs. Jacobs

life skills yearbook

Hannah Gentile, Kali Leibert, Mattie Morgan, Janessa Young, Morgan Leasure.

Sponsor: Mrs. Calisti

event focus

youth day of caring - 4/19/13

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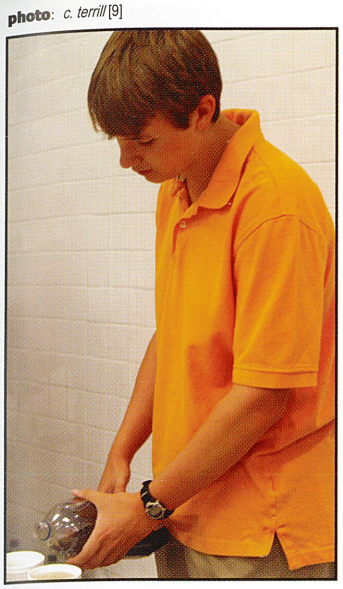


Refreshments anyone?

On the evening of September 11, Matt Emanuelson [12] pours Pepsi into cups for the parents attending Open House. "We had to make sure that the drinks and cookies were always kept filled," Emanuelson said. He actually preferred Pepsi over Coca-Cola.

Don't box me in...

In the yearbook room, Chelsea Thompson [12] helps to distribute empty boxes around the school for students to deposit canned food. "I should have learned how to use scissors better in grade school," Thompson said. Overall, they placed 16 boxes.

Once a year, Key Club sends around 150 kids into the community to aid in various tasks. Students spent the day weeding gardens, painting walls, collecting trash, and other chores in the area. From Habitat to Humanity to the local thrift store, student workers labored for a free lunch and service hours for the club itself.

"It was a valuable day of service." Hannah Guzolik [12]

photo: *p. fantaski* [fac.]

club blocks

Discuss the most difficult aspect of your club/ensemble

"Having to get to different events to take pictures is tough since I cannot drive yet."
Yearbook Staff
Cassitty Terrill [9]

"The most difficult part is getting everyone on the same page toward working together at an event."
Key Club
Hannah Guzolik [12]

"As president, it's just really difficult and gets really hectic in trying to handle all of my duties."
NHS
Jackie Cavendish [12]

"It's hard finding time to meet with Mrs. Calisti and the other girls to find out what needs to be done."
Life Skills Yearbook
Mattie Morgan [11]

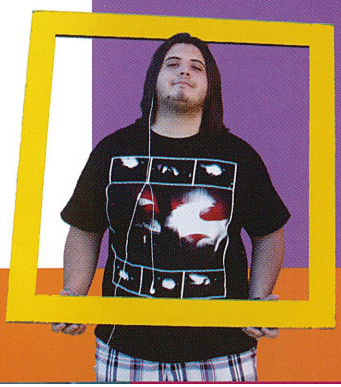
stumbling blocks

Lacey Emmerson [12]

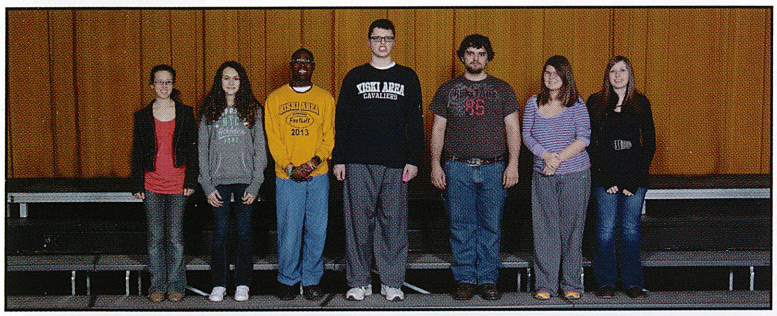
The most difficult time in my life is when I lost my grandmother to cancer. It was so hard to fathom not having someone who was so close to me, but I had to move on one way or another. My family was obviously a huge support system. We laughed, and we cried together while remembering a wonderful woman. Also, my friends were extremely supportive, and they eventually helped me to be me once again. My gram was a wonderful person. We were always laughing and carrying on, and she will always be in my heart.

Dean McCroskey [12]

The hardest thing I ever had to do was to watch my grandmother battle cancer. She lived about forty-five minutes away, so anytime I could, I had to drive to see her in the hospital or back at her house. I wish I would have gone to see her more. She passed away in February. It was hard sitting there and keeping her company, especially when she sometimes didn't know who I was. Even when something is hard to do or, you don't want to do it, sometimes you need to dig deep and pull yourself through it.



"Because he ticked me off, I blocked Pat Bouch on Facebook."
Dan Moran [12]



youth
leadership network

Marissa Wiles, Bryanna Viviani, Jesse Hutchinson, Ryan Chepkevich, William Sipe, Kayla Johnston, Bridget Brown.

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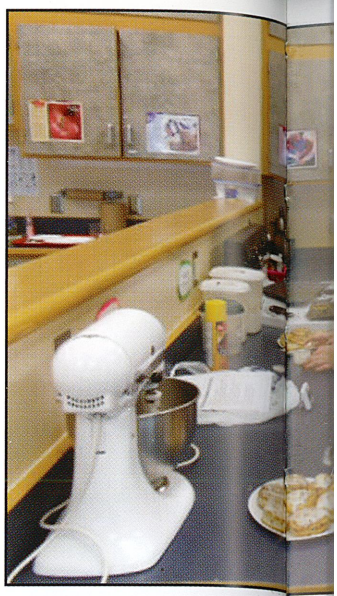

cavalier
leadership council

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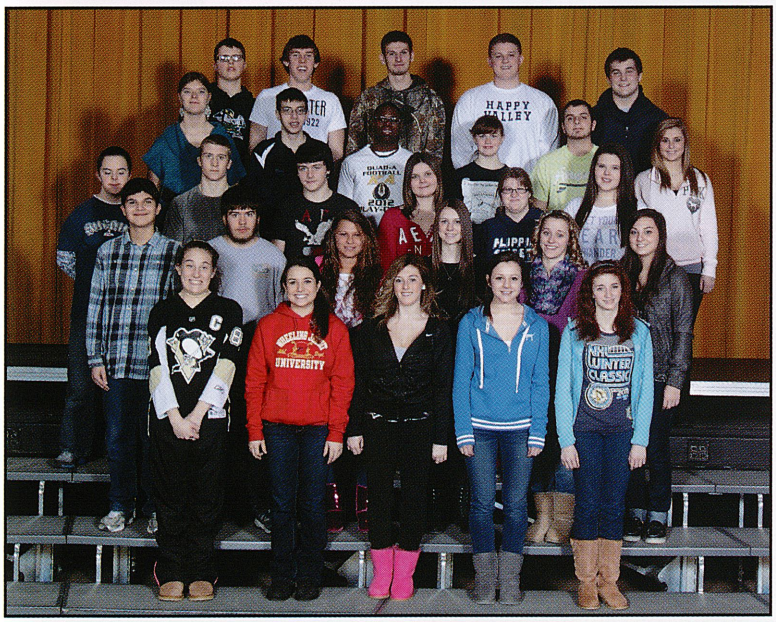
Sponsors: Mrs. Poleski and Mr. Williamson



buddies

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Sponsor: Mrs. Leezer

wellness

Front Row: Becca Van Why, Anna Collins, Hannah Milheim, Maggie McDermott, Megan McKeever; *Back Row:* Mrs. Ray, Zach Geiselhart, Jake Wilson, Matt Brunelle, Raymond Peterman.

Sponsors: Mrs. Ray and Mrs. Novak

club blocks

Discuss the most difficult aspect of your club/ensemble

"The hardest part is fund-raising and getting others to join the club. There's only seven of us."
Youth Leadership
Bridget Brown
[12]

"It's hard to always make sure you set a good example and become a good role model for others."
CLC
Paris Krug
[9]

"Only having one day a week to spend with the kids is really tough for me. I want more time with them."
Buddies
Janessa Young
[12]

"Getting more people to participate in the club is hard because the club just isn't known that well."
Wellness
Zach Geiselhart
[9]

event focus

blood drive - 1/30/13

He's on a roll...

In Mrs. Guzzie's room, Ryan Chepkevich [12] ices cinnamon rolls. Buddy Morgan Leasure said, "When Ryan sets his mind to do something, he always does it well." The students made dozens of food types throughout the year.

Ready to save lives...

On January 30, 2013, Hannah Neumann [12] donates her platelets. Neumann said, "It was definitely worth the while to save a life." Her platelets ended up going to two separate cancer patients.

On January 30, 2013, Cavalier Leadership Council held a blood drive in the gym. Tasks at the event included the check-in/registration, escorting students back to class, and supplying donors with food and drink. One student, Hannah Neumann [12], sat for two hours donating her platelets.

"It's nice that kids could donate." Morgan Kiebler [11]

photo: *k. aller* [11]

stumbling blocks

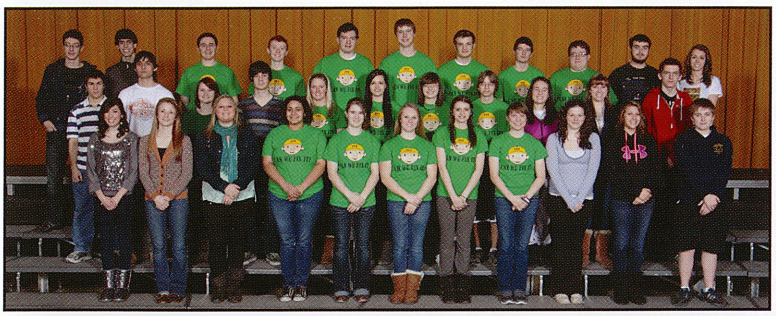
Jordyn Palla [10]

The hardest thing I have faced would be when my grandma had a stroke. It was devastating to my family. My dad wouldn't come home until the late hours of the night. The worst part was that we were not sure my grandma would make it through this. There was a time when we couldn't even visit her in the hospital. My cousins and I had to stay home alone on Thanksgiving while the others went to the hospital. I would cry myself to sleep every night for a month and pray she would be better. She ended up better and out of the hospital in two months.

Mike Siszka [10]

A difficult time for me was one time, when I was in a Kung-Fu battle. The kid I was fighting did a cheap shot. The move broke my leg. I had to focus and remember all of my training. My coach and parents encouraged me to get up, so I did. I rose and stood on one leg. The match started again, and I kicked him in the face. I was in so much pain, but I just kept going. With the help of my family, coach, and friends, I got through it. I won the trophy, and it felt really good. Someone should make a movie about my experience.

"I've had many blocks in my live, but I've worked really hard to get through them." Brandi Cramer [12]



technology
services team

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Sponsor: Mr. Tedorski

student council

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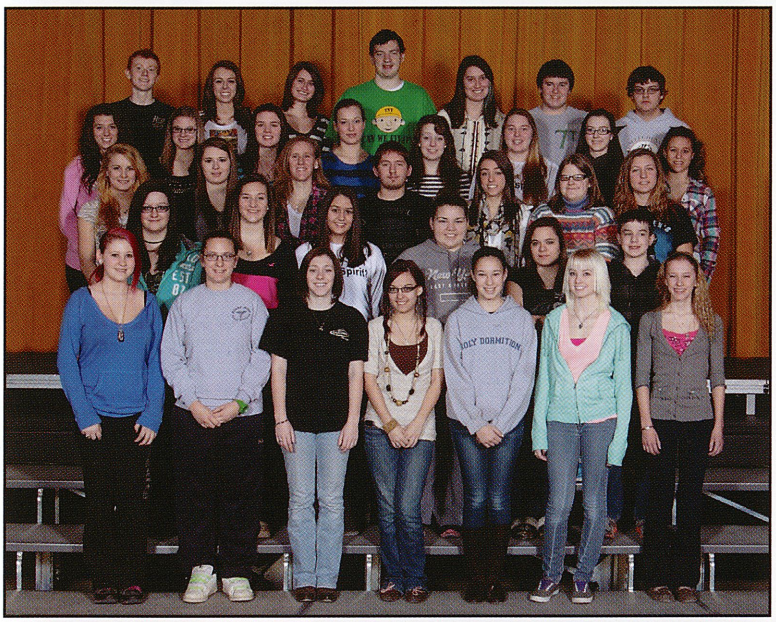

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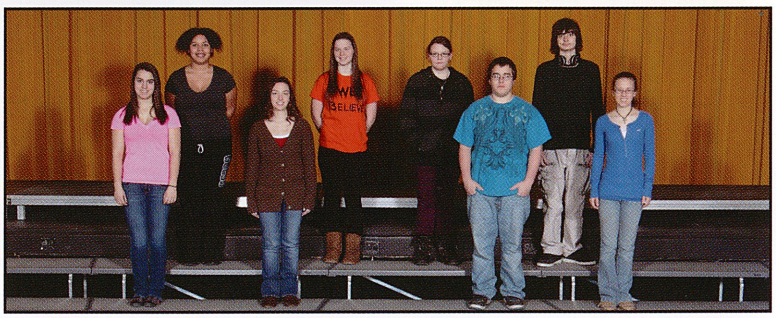
Sponsor: Mrs. Gamble

library aides

Front Row: Gina Cecchi, Sammie Zourelias, Brett Hackman, Marissa Wiles; *Back Row:* Ariel Ware, Katie Aughenbaugh, Bethany Tingler, Chris Domiano.

Sponsor: Mr. Swanson



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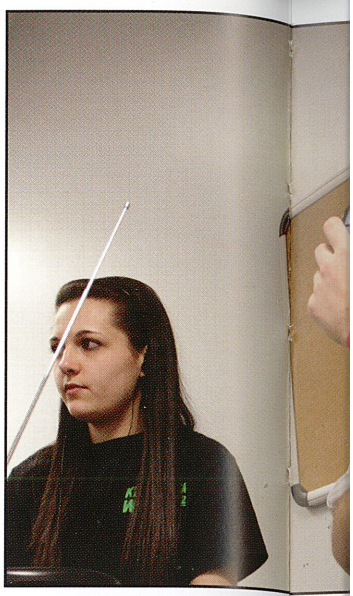


club blocks

Discuss the most difficult aspect of your club/ensemble

"The hardest part is finding free time to stay after school to get everything done that needs done."
TST
Jackie Graham
[11]

"The hardest part about student council is selling so much stuff that students don't want to buy."
Student Council
Jayne Hohman
[9]

"It's so hard trying not to eat all the food in the office and trying to keep up with all my schoolwork."
Office Secretaries
Kendra Mull
[12]

"Keeping up with selling drinks in the coffee shop is difficult. I'm getting pretty good at it, though."
Library Aides
Chris Domiano
[9]

event focus

telethon - 2nd december week

Lights, camera, action...

As members of Technology Services Team, Ellie Petro [12] and Noah Kennedy [11] oversee the Telethon broadcast. Kennedy said, "We gave up quite a bit of time getting ready for the event and also many hours after school for the event itself."

Future, past, or present?

To help decorate the front atrium, Casey Allen [9] wraps a gift prop. "During that one period, I must have wrapped five or six gifts," said Allen. She further said, "I'm not that good at wrapping, so I did mess up a couple of them.

The annual Telethon raised money for the Salvation Army and St. Vincent De Paul. Student Council members sold raffle tickets and held a silent auction of gift baskets donated by members and local businesses. Many students also went on television each night for two hours to talk about the holiday season.

"It was a very stressful week." Theresa Gibson [12]

photo: *h. hohman* [12]

stumbling blocks

Nate Kiebler [11]

During this soccer season, I fractured my foot and had to wear a boot for two and a half weeks. I missed the end of the season and the playoff games. It was really difficult knowing that I couldn't be out on the field helping my teammates against all the other teams. Still, I went to all of the games to support my teammates, and I got to play in the post-season alumni game. I've never really ever had a sports injury before, and you just have to do everything you can to let your teammates know that you're there for them at every game.

Tatiana Cloud [12]

As a member of track team, you train all year in the hopes that you will make it to states. When and if that happens, you train even harder so that you can reach your full potential. One of the most difficult times in my life was last year at states. I was placed eleventh, and I could have placed and got a medal. I ended up running a really bad race in the end, and I fell short of the medals. It was a really hot day, and I suppose that the humidity just got the best of me. I was very disappointed.

"When people are annoying on Facebook, I block them so I don't have to deal with it." Natalie Scassera [10]

jazz band a

Front Row: Andrew Brock, Elizabeth Prager, Megan Paullet, Dayne Auden, Laurel Beatty, Kevin Gress, Matt Krachanko; *Row Two:* Cody Auden, Joey Petrarca, Gavyn Hohman, Hannah Hohman, Austin Feydt, Nick Durkin; *Back Row:* Michael Luciano, Tucker Insko, Cole Insko, Paul Murray, Jared Mountan, Aleks Krachanko.

Sponsor: Mr. Pityk

photo: h. hohman [12]

freshman choir

Front Row: Lindsay Bielek, Letizia Collini, Nicole Plazio, Megan Aller, Kaitlyn Gourley, Mikayla Fuehrer, Erin Antoniono; *Row Two:* Kasey Stewart, Dana Linsenbigler, Megan Puckey, Kim Bassett, Marlie Tipton, Allie Uhing, Katlyn Toth, Katelyn DiBiasio; *Row 3:* Anna Abbott, Samantha Engler, Leanna Barkley, Katie Lewis, Jayne Hohman, Lindsey Caldwell, Bryanna Viviani; *Row 4:* Heather Kenzevich, Rachael Buccicone, Bailey Seagriff, Jaci Williams, Lucy Fondrk, Haley Potter, Lily Gongaware, Paris Krug; *Row Five:* Jenna Dilts, Josie Mains, Gillian Debick, Daija Head, Hannah Harris, Samantha Cooper, Erin Tansimore, Torie Kiebler, Rebecca Cline; *Back Row:* Kyle Orris, Erin Majersky, Adam Malagari, Zach Geiselhart, David Troup, Ryan Ashbaugh, Tanner Knapp, Parker Steele.

Sponsor: Mrs. Hampshire

club blocks

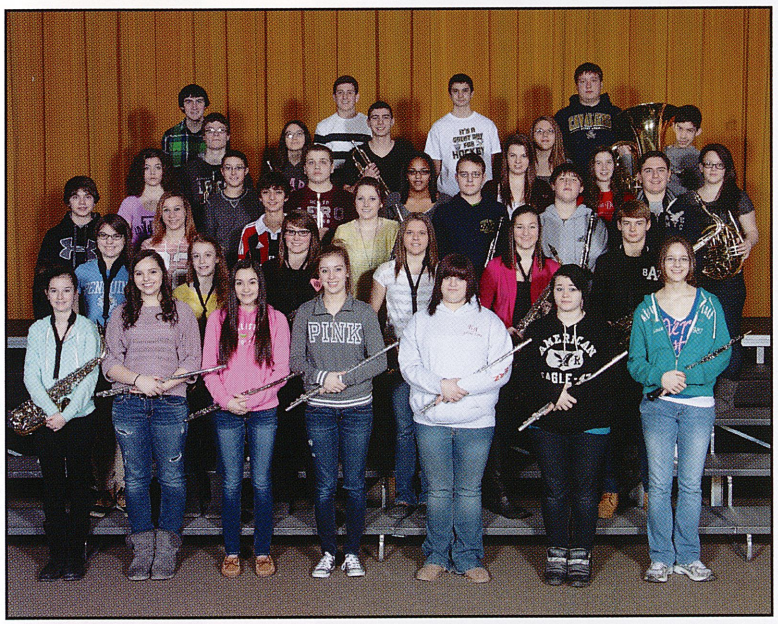
Discuss the most difficult aspect of your club/ensemble

"The hardest part is focusing on the music with all the fun and commotion going on around you."
Jazz Band A
Mike Luciano
[11]

"Learning all of the music and remembering it for concerts and performances is hard."
Freshman Choir
Kaitlyn Gourley
[9]

"Playing music that we've never seen and with new members is hard, especially since we're a small band."
Freshman Band
Erin Tansimore
[9]

"Preparing for the Shakespeare Festival without a lot of practice time with your group was hard."
Drama Club
Jade Festa
[12]



freshman band

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Sponsor: Mr. Heiny

drama

Front Row: Matt Emanuelson, Cassie Thompson, Kaylee Hansberry, Lacey Emmerson; *Back Row:* Nicole Pearce, Alannah Walker, Jade Festa, Candace California, Deana Callipare, Ryan Gress.

Sponsor: Mrs. Jacobs

event focus

midwest clinic - 12/18-20/12

Sights to see...

Atop the Willis Tower in Chicago, Nick Durkin [11] snaps shots of the view below. Durkin said, "I'm so glad Jazz Band A was invited to perform at the Midwest Clinic. I wish it hadn't been so foggy." The band also visited the Shedd Aquarium.

No peeking...

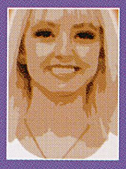
Just before school on a late September Friday, members of the Drama Club silently vote on officers. Sponsor Mrs. Jacobs said, "Either I'm singing and boring them to death, or we're voting on officers by blindly raising hands."

Considered the most elite concert in the Unites States, Jazz Band A earned the right to travel to Chicago to perform. In April of 2012, Mr. Pityk sent in a recording, and adjudicators chose the ensemble as one of the nation's best. The band performed nine pieces and got to watch the US Airforce Band perform.

"It was the best band trip ever." Paul Murray [12]

photo: *h. hohman* [12]

stumbling blocks



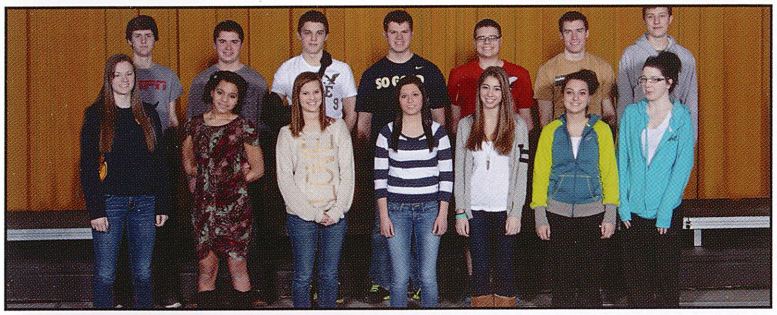
Kara Wilson [12]

The hardest thing that I've ever had to go through was when my little sister was diagnosed with leukemia. It was right around Christmas, and it was really tough for my family. My sister, Mya, is one of the most loving little kids ever. So, it was a shock to everyone since she is loved by so many people. Everyone sent their prayers and support. With everyone caring so much, she was in remission within a month and a half. I'd like to thank everyone who was there for me and everyone who sent their prayers.

Carly Romano [12]

The most difficult time in my life was when my neighbor passed away. It was very difficult for me to get over what happened because he was close with our whole family. He had watched me and my brother grow up and spent a lot of time with us over the years. He was around us often and at every family gathering that I can remember since my childhood. We got through it by getting new neighbors who are just as close to us as we were with him. They can't take his place, but we truly appreciate them so much.

"When I see someone I don't want to talk to, I try to block them out and keep walking." Haylie Daugherty [11]



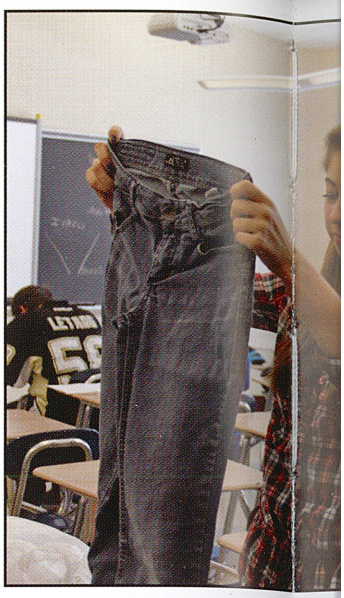
community

outreach program

Front Row: Dar Galiszewski, Raven Roland, Danielle Bistline, Sara Keddie, Taylor Caldwell, Janessa Young, Courtney Stinebiser; *Back Row:* Mike Rukavina, Jake Dykes, Zach McClarnon, Mike Smith, Ryan Clever, Brad Ziegler, Zach Choltco.

Sponsor: Mrs. Bono

photo: *j. herslek* [12]



marching band

Front Row: Chloe Simms, Stephanie Marchwinski, Brittany Thomas, Samantha Petree, Jocelin Herstek, Tricia Kohler, Tiffany Yeager, Colleen Neely, Myuanna Lawhorn, Courtney Berry, Mattie Morgan, Megan Beer, Lauren Sheaffer; *Row Two:* Tanner Bittinger, Sarah Custer, Josie Mains, Dana Linsenbigler, Kaitlyn Gourley, Abigail Ballas, Amanda Sgourakis, Samantha Stadler, Samantha Shamburg, Caylee Shirley, Rachel Gartley, Lizi Ellenberger, Kasey Stewart, Kayla Johnston, Courtney Robinson; *Row Three:* Jack Pelligrini, Jen Cravener, Rachel Hollinger, Jake Murray, Cassidy Wright, Shannon DeForno; *Row Four:* Greg Kelley, Kevin Gress, Katie Dunnivan, Jacquelyn Jupina, Casey Maher, Kelly McWilliams, Lindsay Stankivic, Marissa Wiles, Shirley Summerhill, Janey Culp, April Ayres, Sarah Ehn, Jessi Showalter, CJ Thomas, Laurel Beatty; *Row Five:* Austin Feydt, Matt See, Veronica Krynock, Alayna Korchok, Katie Ballas, Hannah Moore, Joe Trisoline, Courtney Kowaluk, Alexis Rainey, Hannah Hohman, Katie Erwin, Mitchell Giordano, Megan Omcikus, Michael Michelli; *Row Six:* Trevor Sites, Brittany Fantuzzo, Kylene Beckett, Matt Krachanko, Tom Starr, Cecily Petrarca, Jordan Stewart, Mykenzie Fitch, Sarah Mozga, Erin Tansimore, Jonathan Krish, Nick Durkin, Zak Hudak, Katie Ludwig; *Row Seven:* Alex Paullet, Meghan Porter, Elizabeth Postle, Evan McWilliams, Michael Sevic, Alex Stadler, Chris Butcher, Dillon Shuster, Tyler Lewis, Evan Kovank, Nick Chrimes, Daryn Watt, Ashlee Shirey, Michael Bosley, Lucy Fondrk; *Row Eight:* Megan Paullet, Coty Marchlewski, Aleks Krachanko, Will Sipe, Josh Porterfield, Michael Luciano, Matt Joyce, Cody Auden, Robert Phillips, Matt Moses, Jacob Firek, Nick McClelland, Ryan Lepovsky, Matt Emanuelson, Dom Bucci; *Back Row:* Ronald Hazen, Clint Klingensmith, Evan Fitzgerald, Dayne Auden, Cole Prager, Jared Mountan, Cole Insko, Gavyn Hohman, Brady Bingman, Alec Eshenbaugh, Joey Petrarca, Tucker Insko, Paul Murray, Jared Burk, Travis Bittinger.

Sponsor: Mr. Pityk

jazz band b

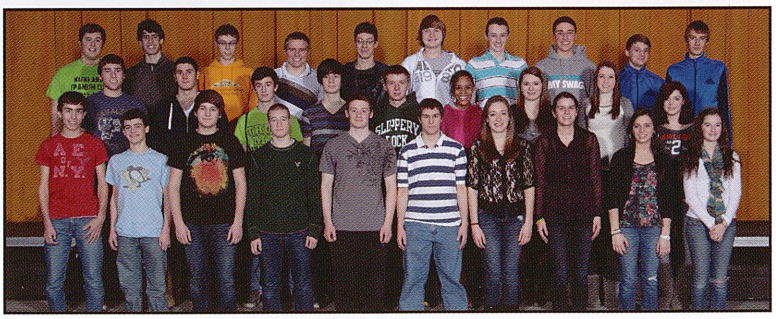
Front Row: Alex Troutman, Cassie DeLuce, CJ Thomas, Shirley Summerhill, Samantha Shamburg, Casey Maher, Jacquelyn Jupina; *Row Two:* Cecily Petrarca, Tyra Hinkle, Keegan Brock, Baylee Summerhill, Candace California, Katie Ludwig, Elizabeth Postle; *Row Three:* Michael Hill, Dominic Bucci, Alex Paullet, Jake McClarnon, Jon Krish, Evan Kovarik, Matt Joyce; *Row Four:* Bill Sarraf, Caleb Scutt, James Roundtree; *Back Row:* Evan Fitzgerald, Paul Murray, Chris Rosella, Jacob Firek, Brady Bingman, Coty Marchlewski.

Sponsor: Mr. Heiny

engineering

Front Row: Reno Zaffina, Jake Murray, Ben McCullough, Ryan Kanner, John-Paul Larko, Joey Trisoline, Amber Phillips, Ciaira Price, Emma Rosensteel, Casey Maher; *Row Two:* Zach Fisher, Doug Donatelli, Christian Fox, Derek Johns, Alex Baxter, Anastasia Clayton, Lauren Bono, Jess Lewis, Marie Rottschaefer; *Back Row:* Austin Feydt, Paul Murray, Nolan Pepka, Michael Murawski, Aaron Waner, Matt Duncan, Tyler Kost, Tom Bruno, Dutch Shaffer, Bryce Nelson.

Sponsor: Mr. DeFrancis



club blocks

Discuss the most difficult aspect of your club/ensemble

"When you meet only once every three weeks, it's difficult finding the time to get everything done."
COP
Sara Keddie
[10]

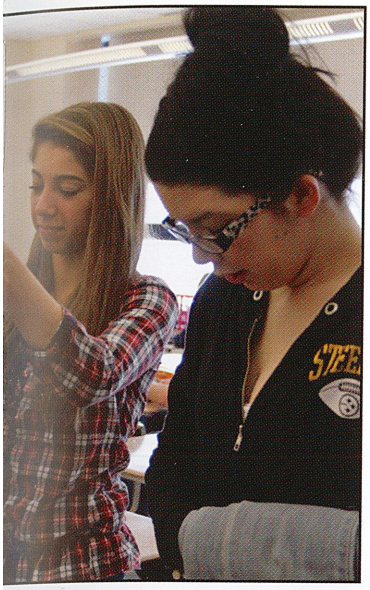
"The hardest part of being in Kiski's Band is that it just takes so much time to be one of the best."
Marching Band
Katie Dunnivan
[12]

"Playing with different age groups and experimenting with different music styles is challenging."
Jazz Band B
Casey Maher
[9]

"The hardest part of Engineering Club was choosing our name and our design for the year."
Engineering
Derek Johns
[12]

event focus

land/sea/air - tba (march)



It's just in the jeans...

For one of COP's biggest causes of the year, Taylor Caldwell [10] and Courtney Stinebiser [11] fold donated jeans in room 122. Caldwell said, "It was great to be able to collect so many jeans for Aeropostale." All who donated got a 25% off coupon for a new pair of jeans.

Sunny skies ahead...

Amidst 87 degree sunny weather, Hannah Hohman [12] performs her part in the ballad of *Prima Donna*. Hohman said, "We got really lucky for band camp. I don't think we had any rain and it was tolerable, for a change." She started playing first trumpet in her sophomore year.

Engineering Club hoped to participate in the Land, Sea, and Air competition. Not just for boys anymore, a team of all girls, in addition to a team of boys, prepared for the battle. Their built robot had to maneuver, without human aide, through a course, knocking over targets and stopping itself once the course ended.

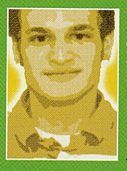
"It's so much fun putting it all together." Katherine Debick [11]

photo: *p. fantaski* [fac.]

stumbling blocks

Taylor Caldwell [10]

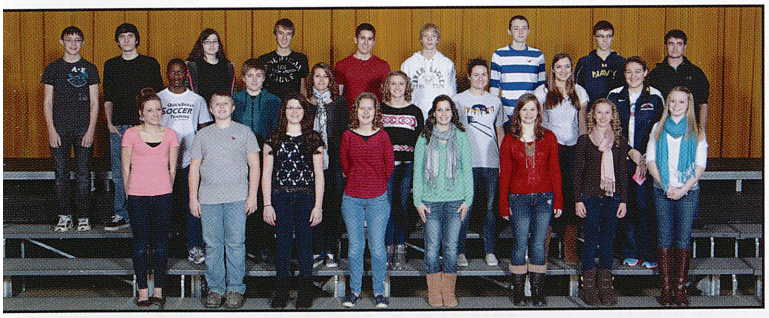
Cancer is a sensitive subject and it is a dreaded diagnosis. A few years ago, my mom was that someone. When I heard the news, my whole world came crashing down; she had breast cancer. She had to go to a weekly chemotherapy session, to which I accompanied her. She got better and better. My mother was always there for me as a child, and now it was my job to take care of her. She's a survivor and I'll always be there for her for whatever blocks life happens to present.



Noah Kennedy [11]

Imagine getting a phone call and hearing that one of your closest friends was in a horrible accident. This is what happened to me when I learned of Marine Corporal Doug Vitale's injuries sustained in Afghanistan. When I learned of this, I was in tears. I could not focus. A man that I looked up to when I was little was hurt. Luckily, he is okay today. I felt so horrible that I donated money and made wristbands to benefit him and his family. I'm so thankful for my family who were all there to support me and get me through it all.

"Blocking in football is everything. You can't succeed without it." DJ Troup [9]



chinese

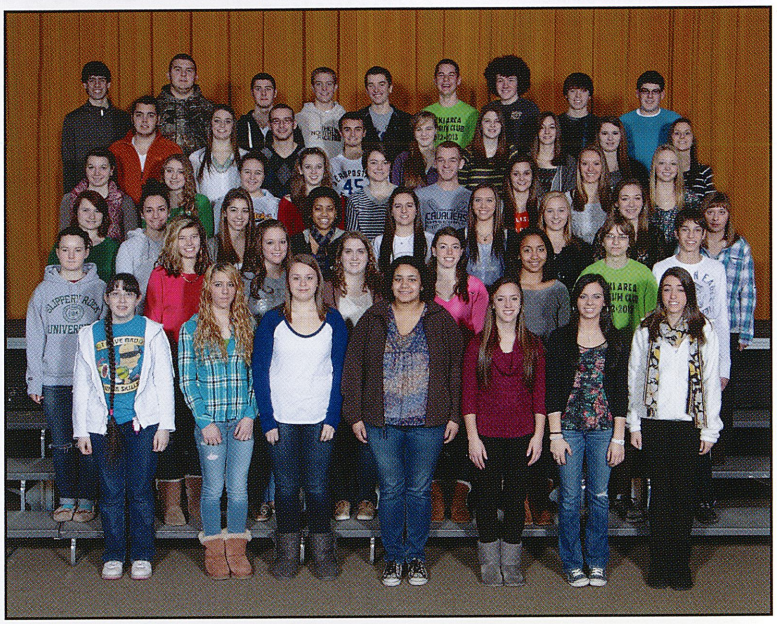
Front Row: Lexi Chambers, Kyle Orris, Haley Bertges, Aimee Pizarchik, Kaely Brilhart, Maggie Kuzemchak, Lauren Smeltzer, Kelsie Schafer; *Row Two:* Alex Gardner, Tyra Hinkle, Courtney Kowaluk, Steph Thomas, Mariah Singerman, Jordyn Palla, Marina Stascak; *Back Row:* Evan McWilliams, James Rokosky, Jerrica Jamison, Bryce Nelson, Paul Zanotti, JD Fahnestock, Tyler Kost, Nolan Pepka, Nicholas Malagari.

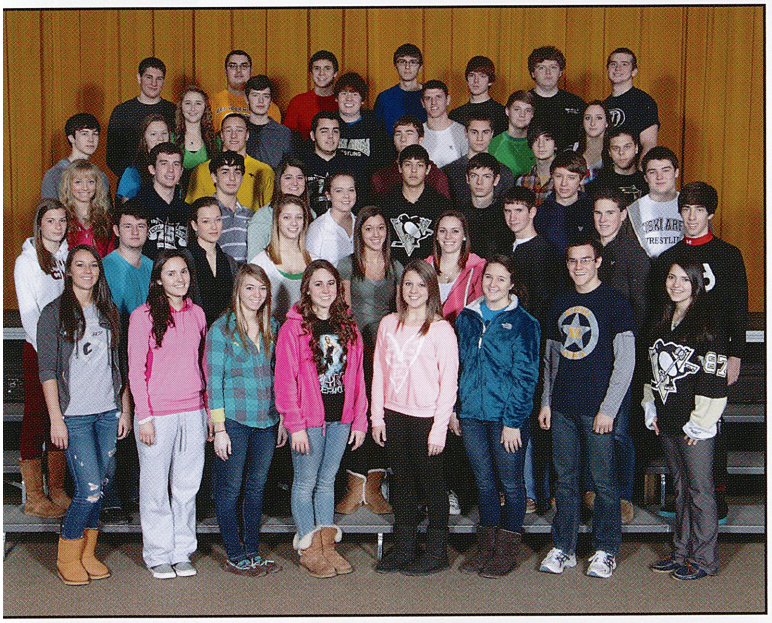
Sponsor: Mrs. Chou.

spanish

Front Row: Emma Lloyd, Miranda Moses, Ashley Heater, Alley Clark, Megan Beer, Emma Rosensteel, Gracie McDermott; *Row Two:* Abby Hopkins, Marissa McCullough, Stephanie Matesic, Hannah Guzofik, Hannah Milheim, Kayla Wadsworth, Zachary Hudak, Dylan McQuaide; *Row Three:* Katie Shick, Anna Scanga, Taylor Caldwell, Kearston Turner, Ashton Prusia, Sammy Nepsa, Jade Majercik, Amber Phillips, Victoria Gaydeski; *Row Four:* Hannah Neumann, Jackie Cavendish, Amber Vozar, Rebecca Clark, Katherine Debick, Tyler Graham, Patricia Berry, Jessica Yohe, Morgan Kiebler; *Row Five:* Dylan Dulick, Tara Stolarski, Jordan Kiebler, Austin Linder, Hannah Steele, Erin Bruce, Brittany Miller, Lauren Bono, Casey Nasetka; *Back Row:* Paul Murray, Andrew Yohe, Doug Donatelli, Nathan Kiebler, Corbin Neumann, Tyler Paunovich, Tanner Shick, Zach Uncapher, Brian Veitch.

Sponsor: Mrs. Varano





ski

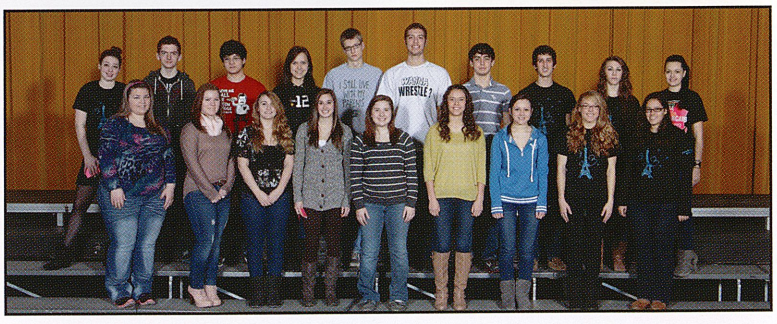
Front Row: Stephanie Sikora, Anna Collins, Marisa Kish, Cheyenne Fazi, Bethany Liska, Amber Vozar, Ross Jubic, Morgan Orr; *RowTwo:* Kylie Royal, Matt Stephens, Alayna Markovich, Shannon McAdoo, Kayla Salego, Hannah Moore, Nick McClelland, Michael Luciano, Frank Armello; *Row Three:* Haley Potter, Cody Deluisio, Caleb Byles, Emily Verner, Chelsea Thompson, Matt Moses, Logan Krause, Cody Chambers, Greg McKeever; *Row Four:* Matt Gavaghan, Darlene Galiszewski, Blake Bachner, Dylan Dulick, Zach Fisher, Michael Iacovino, Derek Johns, AJ Linnert; *Row Five:* Janine Whalen, Vincent Holmes, Tucker Insko, Zachary Kuta, Dutch Shaffer, Kyle Cernicky; *Back Row:* Anthony Iacovino, Bill Sarraf, Lee Downey, Patrick Miller, Brandon Mangus, Kevin Stewart, Vance Walker.

Sponsors: Mr. Duppstadt, Mr. Dosch, and Mr. Spagnola.

french

Front Row: Angelica Jordan, Megan McKeever, Alexis Briggs, Leah Deitt, Rachel Tamborski, Stacey Sikora, Kelly Schreiber, Dara Muffie, Jessi Showalter; *Back Row:* Rachael Minda, Kevin Heasley, Cole Frayne, Lauren Brosko, Michael Fanning, Adam Robison, Caleb Byles, Carly Romano, Connor Bardine, Gabriella Petro.

Sponsor: Mrs. Brady



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club blocks

Discuss the most difficult aspect of your club/ensemble

"Since we're a newer club, it's hard to get support from the students to raise money for trips."
Chinese Club
Mariah Singerman
[11]

"It's difficult making it to the meetings because I have other clubs to attend on those days."
Spanish Club
Zach Uncapher
[11]

"After a long day of school, practice, and skiing, waking up the next morning is not an easy thing to do."
Ski Club
Bill Sarraf
[10]

"The most difficult thing is attending the French Club meetings because I participate in other clubs too."
French Club
Angelica Jordan
[11]

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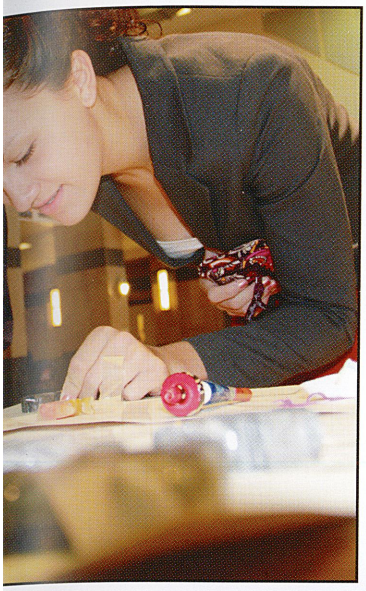
event focus

les miserables - 1/26/13



Lots for a buck...

To help raise money for Spanish Club, Mrs. Varano and members held a street fair in the atrium where students could purchase various ethnic items. Megan Paullet [12] said, "I actually bought a maraca key chain and a bracelet. It cost me a dollar."

Broken binding, broken hearted...

On her December 20, 2012 trip to 7-Springs, Brianne Sofaly [10] displays her dismay after breaking a binding on *Santa's Beard*. Sofaly said, "I attempted to ride the entire way to the bottom of the terrain park with one binding...total fail."

Members of French Club and the Gifted Program spent a late Saturday in January on a field trip to Pittsburgh to see *Les Miserables* at the Benedum Center. 12 students and four adult chaperones attended the 2 PM show on the frigid afternoon. Each student paid $60 to attend the event.

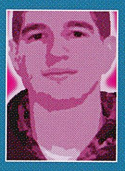
"It was bitter cold out, but worth it." Gabriella Petro [12]

photo: *t. dilick* [12 @ apollo ridge]

stumbling blocks

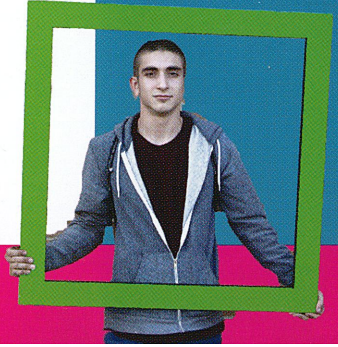
Julianna Jankowski [12]

The passing of my best friend, Stephanie Nicholas, when I was 12 was the most difficult time of my life. As next door neighbors, we grew up together for our whole lives. At the age of 16, Steph passed away from stomach cancer. Stephanie and I, along with three other neighbors, were best friends, and we did absolutely everything together. The passing of one of the most genuine, beautiful, and honest people I have ever met brought the four of us so close together. We got through it, but to this day, Stephanie is still my best friend.



Travis Bittinger [12]

The hardest thing that I can remember having to overcome recently was the passing of my cousin, Elisabeth Carney. I can still remember the day very clearly. During lunch on that November day, my mom texted me, telling me to call her. During seventh period, I called to find her crying, and she told me of the accident that Elisabeth had with her car. The news had apparently gone through much of the school, but I hadn't heard yet. I'd like to thank Mr. Heiny, Mrs. McCluske, and Mr. Duppstadt for being there for me on that tough day.



"I blocked my mom on Facebook because she was creepin'." Evan Popovich [12]

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1) Out in the front school parking lot, Tucker Insko [10] examines an antique car at the Marching Band Car Cruise. The event housed over 200 vehicles in multiple categories.

2) In her hour of fame, Gillian Debick [9] talks with elementary school kids about their wishes for the holiday season. The annual Telethon took place inside the school atrium.

3) Not too far from the school at the local YMCA, Maggie McDermott [10] hands out presents to the elderly citizens during a holiday performance. McDermott participated in two choirs.

4) Up on the auditorium stage, Ellen Lantelme [12] accepts her Challenge Program award. Lantelme showed excellence in community service for the 2012 school year.

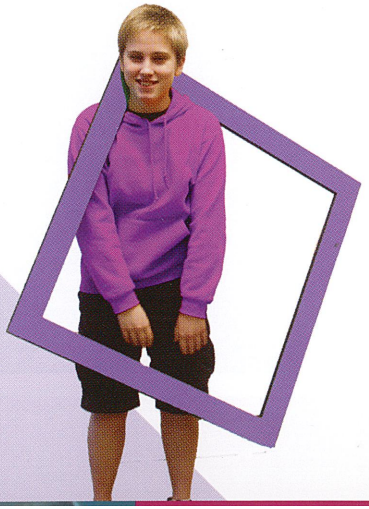
5) Focused in on his performance, Jake McClarnon [12] performs in front of local friends. McClarnon plays guitar in a local band.

6) At historic Davis Field, Dustin Stover [12] welds pieces together for the rebuilding of the student section. The Vo-Tech students built an entirely new grandstand.

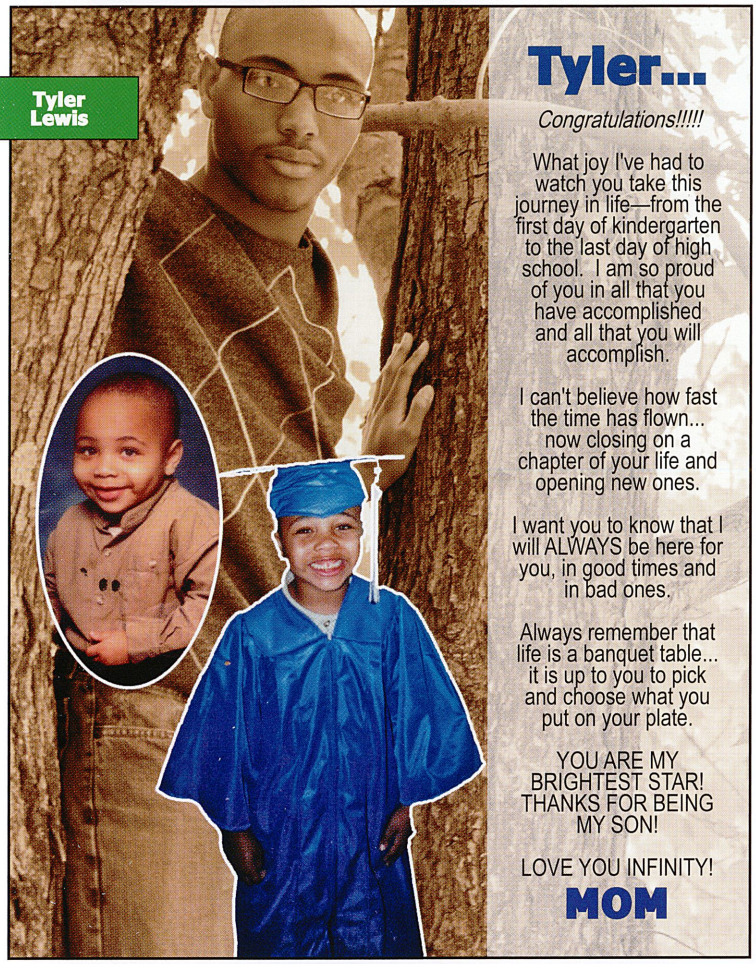
munity

With high school came greater responsibility. Within the community, students grew and matured, while preparing themselves to face the roadblocks of life, literally. Driving caused many frustrations, such as construction that completely blocked off roads. Chelsea Thompson [12] said, "It felt like it took them a decade to fix the bridge by Kunkle Park. I had to drive five minutes out of my way on a daily basis because of that detour." Detours caused by construction were just the tip of the iceberg. Taking a detour five minutes out of the way beat sitting in hours of agonizing traffic every time.

"Although I greatly enjoy the freedom that comes with driving, traffic caused by construction is more irritating than a *One Direction* song. Actually, if it came down to sitting in traffic or suffering through a *One Direction* concert, I would choose the traffic," Paul Zanotti [11] said. Poor boy band music aside, construction remained a serious concern when driving. Ryan Scuillo (11) said, "I can't wait for them to finish the Freeport bridge. Every time I drive there, I swear there's a new set of detours." Certainly, road blocks remained a staple in driving around the community. Sometimes, an earlier start paid off.



"After visiting the grocery store, I enjoy blocks of fresh produce. Mmm lettuce.." Tyra Hinkle [10]



Tyler Lewis

Tyler...

Congratulations!!!!!

What joy I've had to watch you take this journey in life—from the first day of kindergarten to the last day of high school. I am so proud of you in all that you have accomplished and all that you will accomplish.

I can't believe how fast the time has flown... now closing on a chapter of your life and opening new ones.

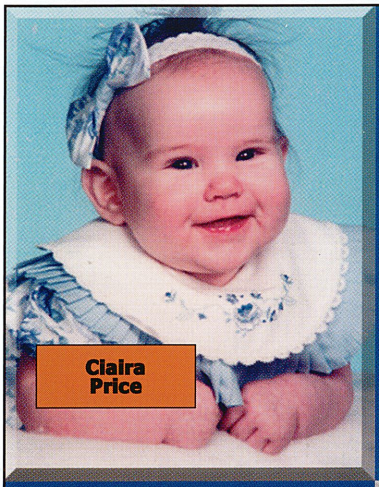
I want you to know that I will ALWAYS be here for you, in good times and in bad ones.

Always remember that life is a banquet table... it is up to you to pick and choose what you put on your plate.

YOU ARE MY BRIGHTEST STAR! THANKS FOR BEING MY SON!

LOVE YOU INFINITY!

MOM



Claira Price

It seems like only yesterday that you were hanging on to our legs, crying and AFRAID OF EVERYTHING!

You have gone from a bashful little twinkie to an intelligent, beautiful, funny, and confident young lady!

We are extremely proud of all that you have accomplished! Your positive attitude and ability to find the bright side in all situations will serve you well in the years to come.

You have every opportunity the world has to offer, so make sure you take advantage of it ALL! We will support you in everything you do. We love you with all of our hearts and will ALWAYS be there for you!

Congratulations and Good Luck!

Love Lots,
Mom, Dad, and Ceanne
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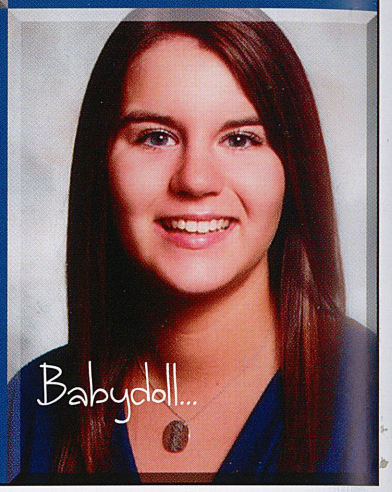

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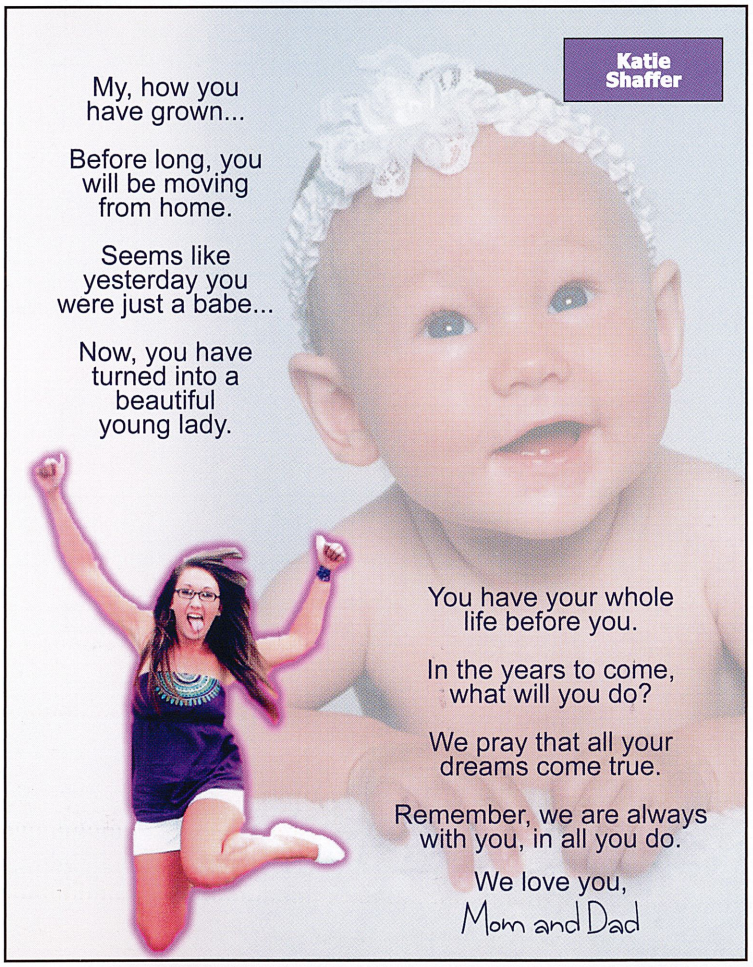


Katie Shaffer

My, how you have grown...

Before long, you will be moving from home.

Seems like yesterday you were just a babe...

Now, you have turned into a beautiful young lady.

You have your whole life before you.

In the years to come, what will you do?

We pray that all your dreams come true.

Remember, we are always with you, in all you do.

We love you,
Mom and Dad

Samm...

We wish you a life full of adventure as you make your mark in the world, along with enough compassion to stop to help others along the way. We wish you the strength to face challenges with confidence, along with the wisdom to choose your battles carefully. We want you to know that many lessons in life come from when you stumble, as long as you find a way to get back up.

Follow your dreams, listen to your heart, take risks carefully, and remember you have the rare ability to find your way out of the woods; you will never truly be lost for long. Never forget that we love you unconditionally for the child you were, the young lady you are, and the amazing woman you are destined to become.

We are so proud of you, baby!

Love,
Mom, Pat, Amber & Michael

Samm Shirey

Morgan Leasure

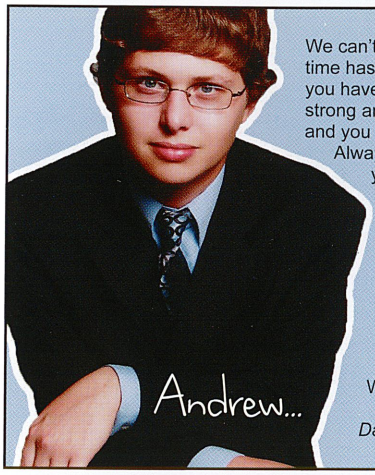
Follow your lead... in search of the stars.
Conquer your quest... of never too far.

Now a young woman... Your passion remains
to discover adventure... Touch and attain.

Yet the world is much bigger... with many a foe.
So be safe in your travels... wherever you go.

Take our love with you...
Pocket your pride...
and we will continue...
to pray God's by your side.

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Maddie

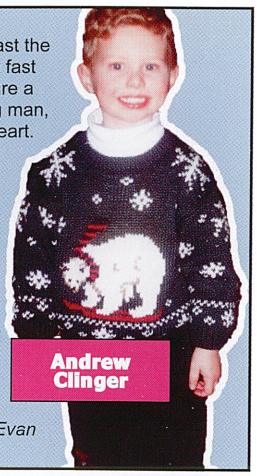


Andrew...

We can't believe how fast the time has gone and how fast you have grown. You are a strong and funny young man, and you have a good heart. Always remember... you can do anything as long as you believe in yourself. We will always be here for you.

We Love You,

Dad, Mom, and Evan



Andrew Clinger

N - Never let a day go by without smiling

I - Inspire those around you

C - Continue to strive to meet all of your goals

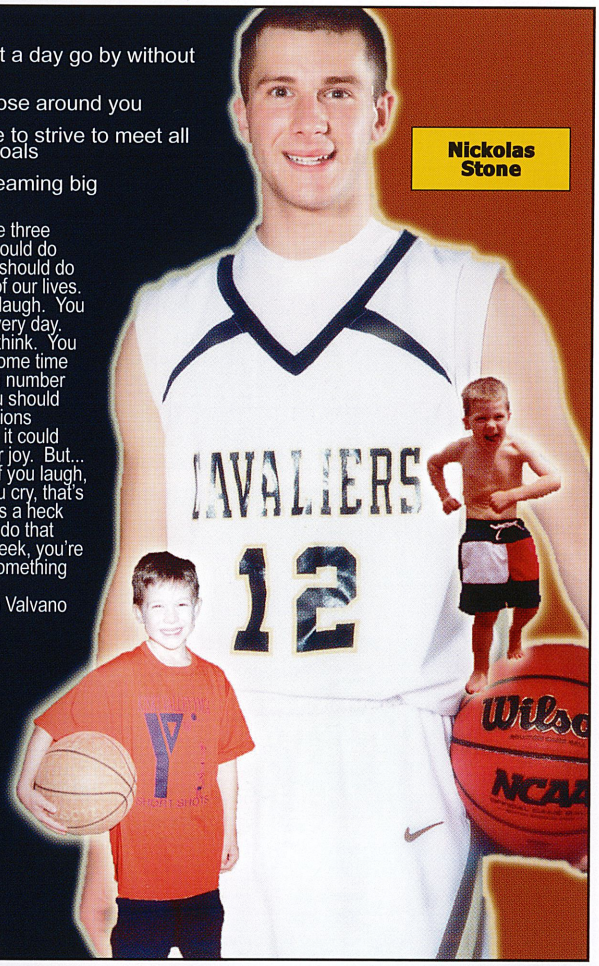
K - Keep dreaming big

"To me, there are three things we all should do every day. We should do this every day of our lives. Number one is laugh. You should laugh every day. Number two is think. You should spend some time in thought. And number three is that you should have your emotions moved to tears; it could be happiness or joy. But... think about it. If you laugh, you think, or you cry, that's a full day... that's a heck of a day. If you do that seven days a week, you're going to have something special."

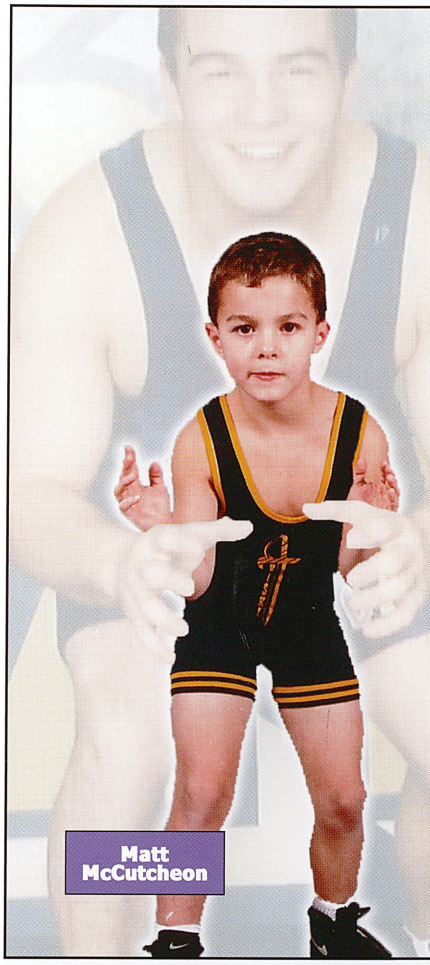
Jim Valvano

Nick, we love you and can't wait to see what the future has in store for you! We know it will be filled with much success and happiness, and don't forget to laugh, think, and cry!

Mom and Dad



Nickolas Stone



Matt McCutcheon

Matt...

We are so proud of you... your character, your self-confidence, your determination to achieve success. Thank you for making good decisions and believing in yourself. Continue to use your head, listen to your heart, and follow your dreams. We wish you happiness and will always be there to love and support you as you begin the new chapters in your life.

Congratulations!

Mom & Mike

Kaytee...

We wish you the strength to face challenges with confidence... Along with the wisdom to choose your battles carefully... We wish you adventures on your journey... And may you always stop to help someone along the way... Listen to your heart, and take risks carefully... Remember how much you are loved... We are so proud of you!

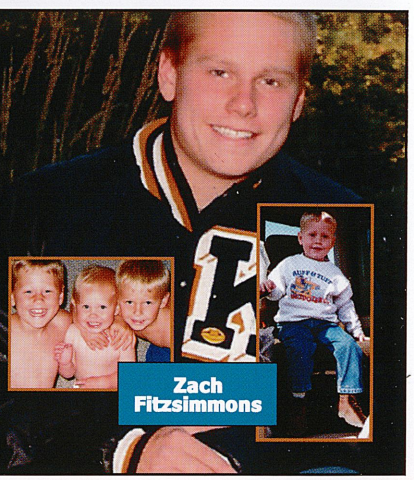
Love- Mom and Dad

Kaytee Oliver

Zachary,

What an awesome son and brother you have been. You are the kindest, most thoughtful person, and we are so lucky to have you as a role model for your brothers. We have enjoyed your friends, sports, and that big beautiful smile everyday since the day you were born. Thank you, Zach, for being such a joy to raise. We look forward to sharing all of your accomplishments, and we will be right beside you always! Congratulations, and have fun in your next journey… college!

We love you,
Dad, Mom, Garrett, and Dane



Zach Fitzsimmons

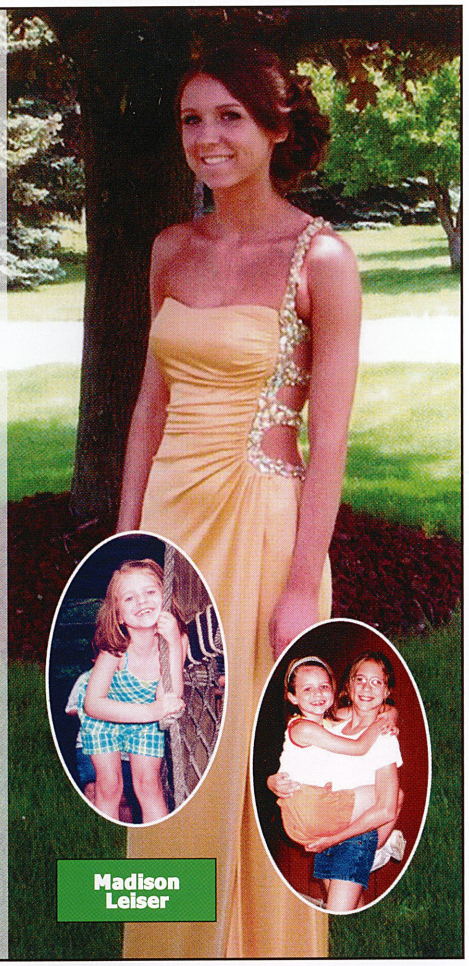
It is hard to believe that you are graduating. As you graduate, one chapter in your life is closing and another is about to begin. We can't wait to see what you accomplish next. The future stands before you, so take hold of your dreams, and no matter what, don't let go. There will be times ahead when you feel overwhelmed, but try not to give up, for nothing worth anything comes without hard work & sacrifice.

When you were little, we held your hand, guided you, & protected you as best we could. Now, it is time to let go. As we look at the beautiful young woman you have become, we have a wonderful sense of pride & accomplishment.

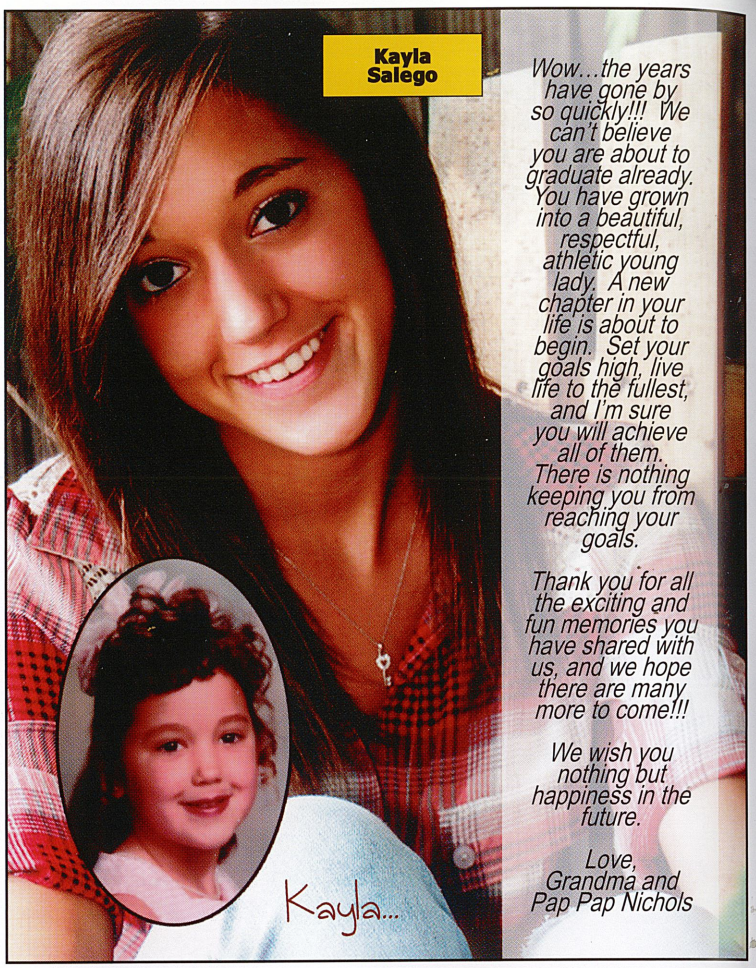
We are so proud of you!!!

We love you!

From Mom, Dad, & Skyler



Madison Leiser



Kayla Salego

Wow…the years have gone by so quickly!!! We can't believe you are about to graduate already. You have grown into a beautiful, respectful, athletic young lady. A new chapter in your life is about to begin. Set your goals high, live life to the fullest, and I'm sure you will achieve all of them. There is nothing keeping you from reaching your goals.

Thank you for all the exciting and fun memories you have shared with us, and we hope there are many more to come!!!

We wish you nothing but happiness in the future.

Love, Grandma and Pap Pap Nichols

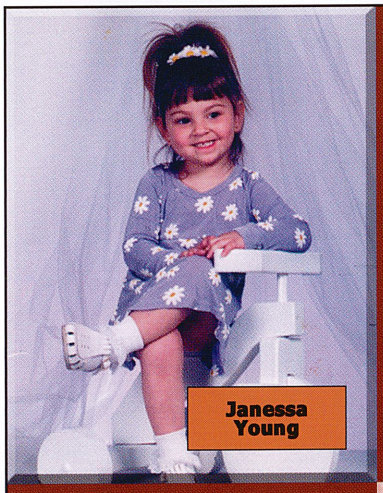
Kayla...

Jessica Lewis

Jessica...

Where did the time go? We can't believe that you will soon be starting the next chapter in your life. You've brought so much joy to our lives as we have watched you grow into the beautiful and intelligent young lady that you've become. We are so proud of your determination to accomplish your goals and in your ability to overcome obstacles. We are certain that whatever path you choose, you will be successful! We love you and wish you a life filled with much love and happiness!

Love Mom, Dad, Cassidy, Katie, Jillian, Belle, and Bear



Janessa Young

The day you have worked so hard for is finally here! You are blessed… our "middle child," our quiet, yet strong-willed one, and our silent leader.

You have brought us so much pride and joy... not only as a daughter and sister, but also on the soccer field.

We are proud of the person you have become... with all your hopes and dreams ahead of you. Remember to believe in yourself, aim high, and work hard. With our support always behind you and your two angels (MeeMee and Pap) watching over you, the roads ahead will be tough, but you have what it takes to succeed, .

"As you graduate, may you be blessed with the pride of a job well done, the love of those closest to you, and confidence in your future."

Good luck at Clarion and remember... the world is waiting for someone as special as you!

We love you!
Mom, Dad, Chelsea, and Tyler

Janessa...

Maryssa Williams

To our beautiful daughter, Maryssa,

We have always felt that in life, we spend far more time as adults than as children. To that, we have always wanted to make sure our children would be equipped with the tools they need to become loving, compassionate, and productive adults.

We can say without any reservation that we know that you will be that kind of adult in this crazy world we live in. You started out as the sweetest and most beautiful person we have ever seen in our lives, and you have grown into the sweetest and most beautiful young lady that we have ever known. We know that you will make your mark in this world and on the people you touch because you have made that mark on everyone and everything up to this point. Your drive and willpower, along with your loving and compassionate ways, will take you to heights that nobody, including yourself, would imagine possible.

We ask you to do the following as you move into this new phase of your life. Stay on the course that you have started. Follow through with the plans that you have made. Live, laugh, and love out loud every day. And know that we will always love you and be with you throughout your lifetime.

Love,

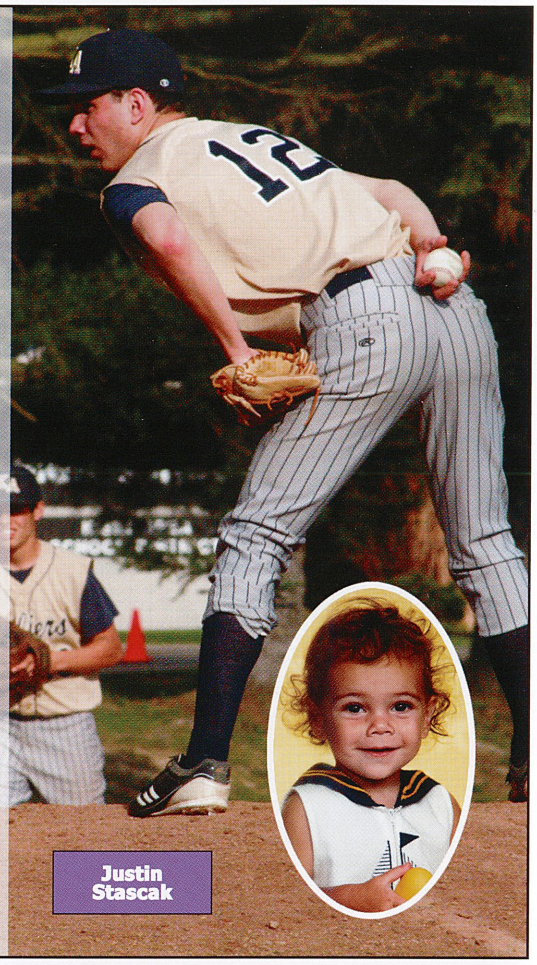
Dad, Mom, and Tony

Justin,

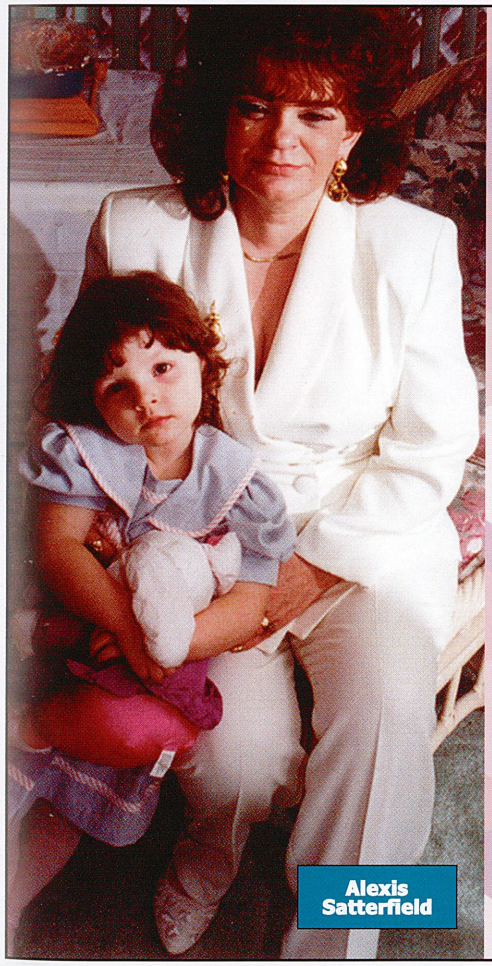
It's amazing how fast time goes by, and here you are graduating! I remember a kindergartner who latched on to the steering wheel, not wanting to go to orientation. After that first day, look at what you have achieved both in and out of school. We are so proud of you. We look forward to watching you continue in the next phase of life. Always do your best, remember to keep the faith, and you will go far. We will always be here for you.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Corey, and Marina



Justin Stascak



Alexis Satterfield

Congratulations, and good luck in the future!

from

Grandma Sandie and Pappy Gene #7

Walking with Grandma

I like to walk with Grandma; her steps are short, like mine. She doesn't say, "Now hurry up." She always takes her time.

I like to walk with Grandma; her eyes see things like mine do…wee pebbles bright, a funny cloud, half hidden drops of dew.

Most people have to hurry; they do not stop and see. I'm glad that God made Grandma... unrushed, and young, like me.

Scout,

You are the most amazing person I know. You have grown up to be such an intelligent, beautiful, and independent woman. I have no doubt that you can achieve anything you dream of. So… dream big, follow your heart, and know that I am always there for you... no matter what!

Love, Mom

Scout Young

Matthew,

For you, it has always been all about music. Your many experiences in band, percussion, and jazz are your springboard for the future. Your summers with the National Catholic Youth Choir and marching with the Bands of America Honors Band in the Tournament of Roses parade are great accomplishments, and we know that your future will be filled with other opportunities to continue to share your many gifts. We pray your life's journey is filled with joyful melodies, much love, and success.

Love, Mom & Dad

Matthew Krachanko

Aleks Krachanko

Aleks,

You've come a long way from T-minus 8 and 4 pounds! We are so proud of your many accomplishments. Your enthusiasm for each new band, percussion, jazz, and musical program was palpable and contagious! How many HS sophomores build a computer from scratch 'just for fun'? We know that your technical and musical knowledge & talents, your leadership abilities, your faith, and your 'full glass' attitude will empower you in the future. May it be filled with laughter, joy, and love. We can't wait to see what you do next!

Love Always, Mom & Dad

Frankie and Kylie...

While I am sad to see you leave, I am so proud of the individuals you have become. I know that you both will continue to make all of us proud in everything you do.

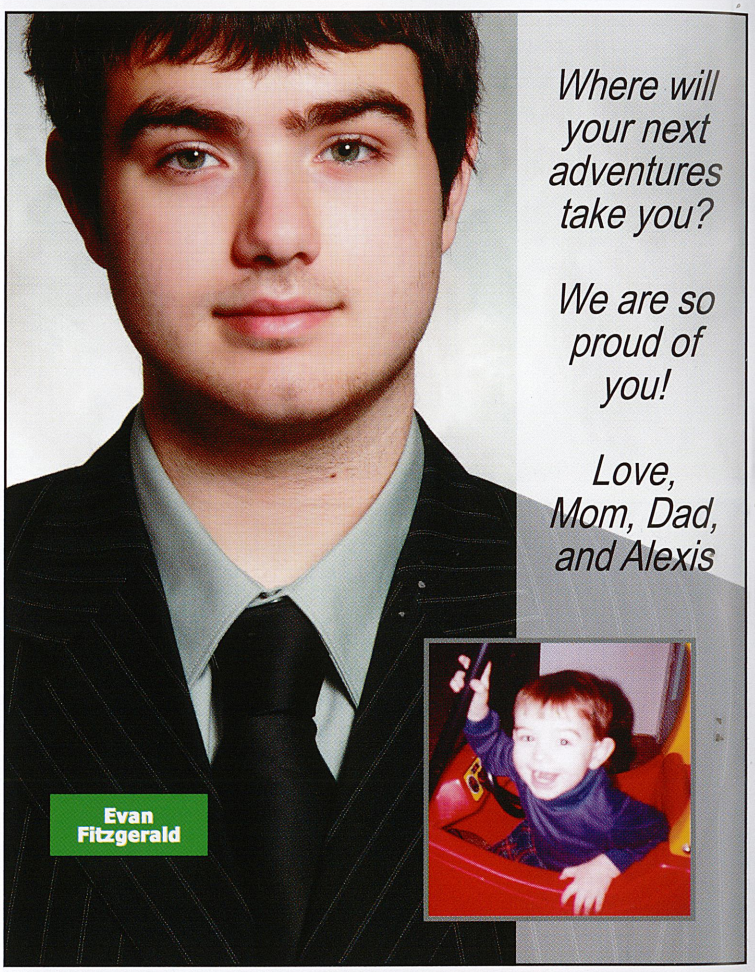
"May the good Lord be with you...
Down every road you roam...
And may sunshine and happiness...
Surround you when you're far from home...
And may you grow to be proud...
Dignified and true...
And do unto others...
As you'd have done to you...
Be courageous and brave...
And in my heart you'll always stay...
Forever young..."

Love,

Your favorite cousin

Kylie Weber

Frank Armello

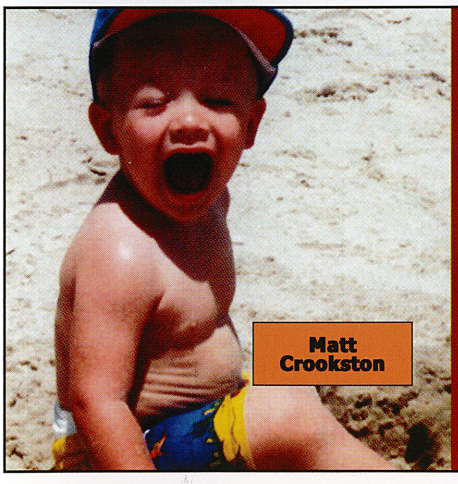


Where will your next adventures take you?

We are so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Alexis

Evan Fitzgerald



Matt Crookston

Matthew...

Congratulations!

We are all so very proud of you!!

We wish you the very best in all you do!!

Love, Mom, Steve, Dad, Missy, Amber, Tanner, and Steven

Has this time REALLY come?

CONGRATULATIONS!

We are so proud of your accomplishments and cannot wait to see what you conquer next.

Love ya always,
Mom, Dad, and Hannah

Sarah Strickengloss

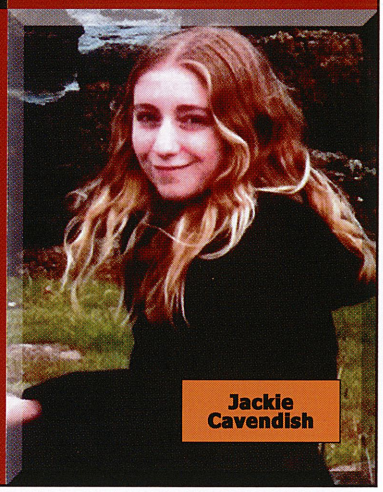
Jackie,

From our little bundle of joy to a determined young woman, your smile and happiness have always been contagious and your strength of will… legendary.

As you focus that determination on the future, know that we will always be behind you. We love you, and we are proud of you. Go get 'em!!!

Love,

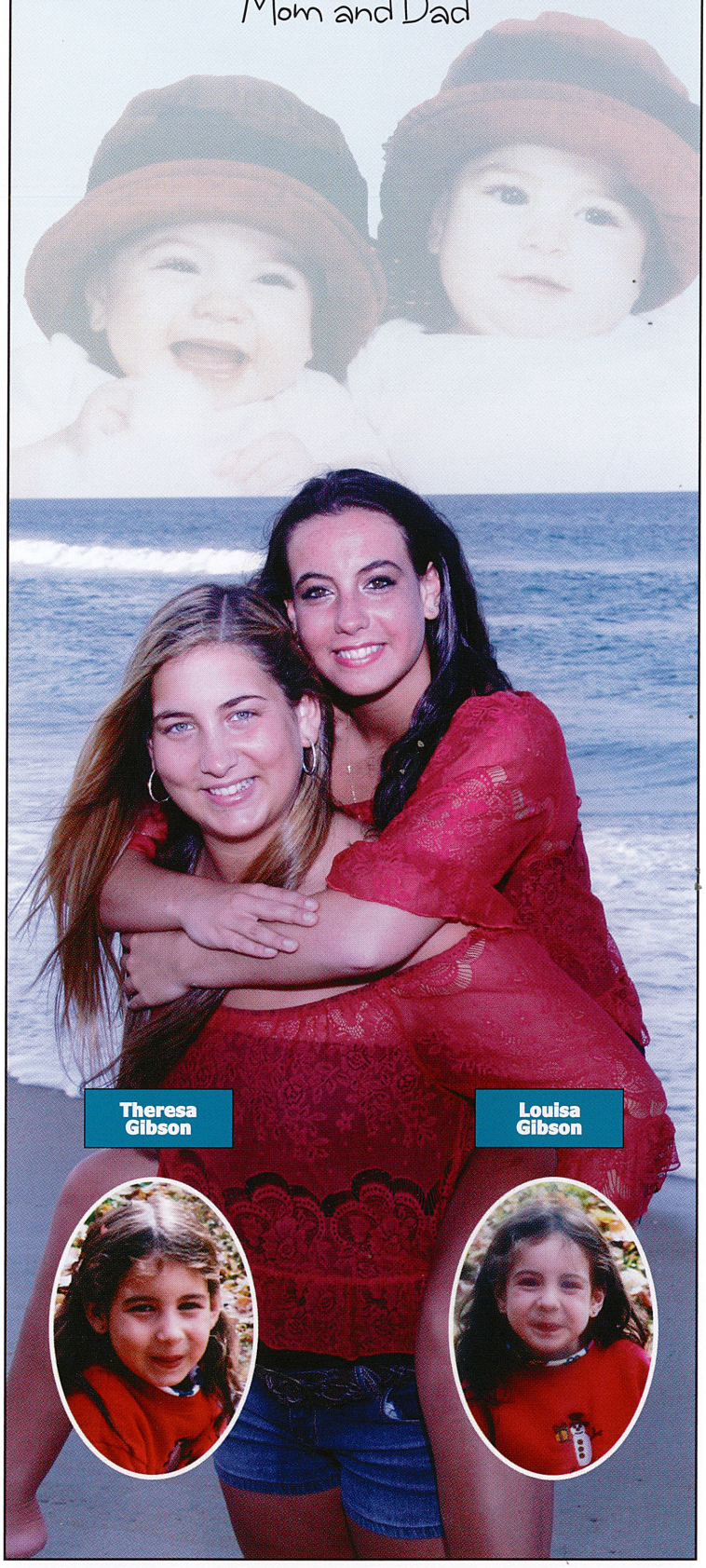
Mom, Dad, Bo, Minnow, Grammy, Nana, and Pop Pop



Jackie Cavendish

It has been such a joy to watch you both grow into such beautiful women! You have touched our hearts and sweetened our souls. We wish you happiness and great fortune in all that you pursue! You are a parent's dream! AML!

Mom and Dad



Theresa Gibson

Louisa Gibson

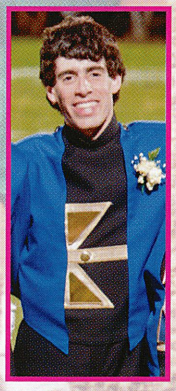
Dear Paul...

We remember how excited you were for your first day of kindergarten, and now you are a senior about to graduate in a few months… unbelievable. We have so very much enjoyed your school years and your enthusiasm and dedication to everything you do in school… your schoolwork, band, tennis, clubs, etc. We love your friends too. We look forward to all the possibilities that your future holds for you.

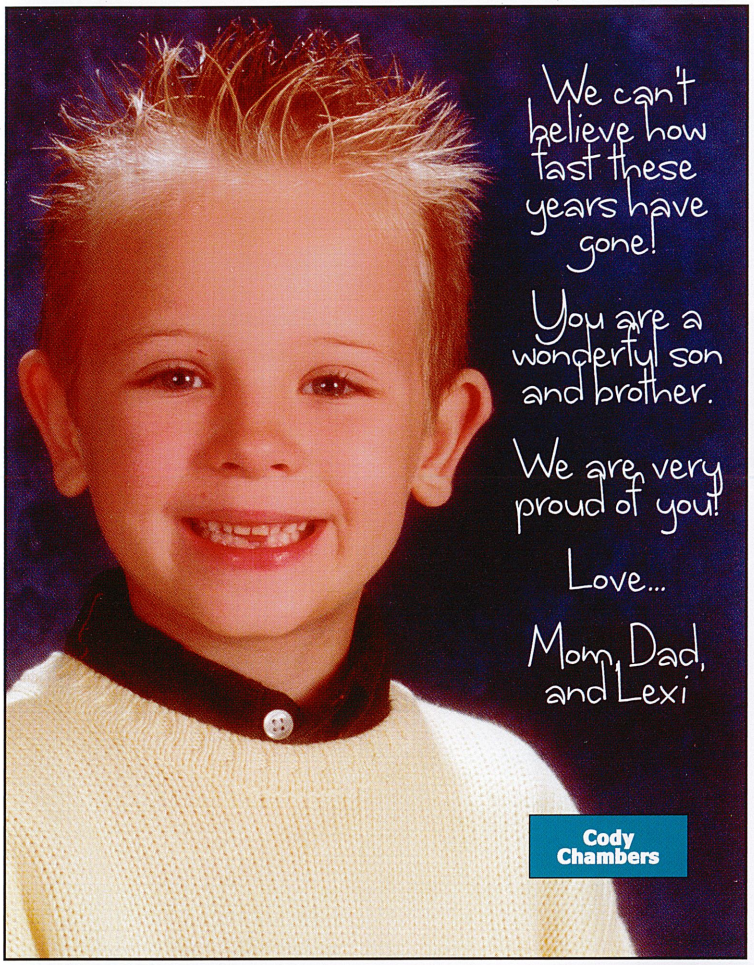
God Bless You, Paul.

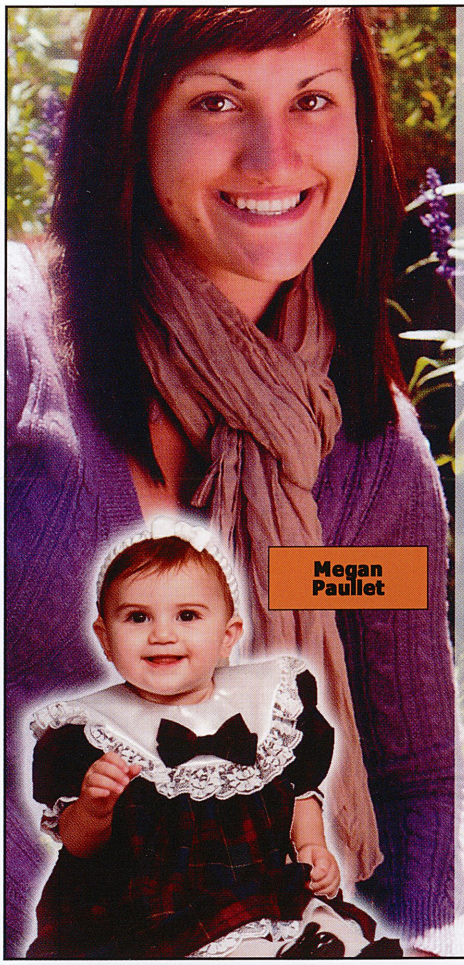
Love you lots,

Mom and Dad



Paul Murray





Megan,

It is a blessing and honor to have you as a daughter and we couldn't be prouder. You are such an inspiration to us with everything that you have accomplished and become. You have always had music in your soul, and we will always cherish the memories from Marching Band, Jazz Ensemble A, Wind Ensemble, Vocal Jazz Choir, and your amazing voice as the *Drowsy Chaperone*.

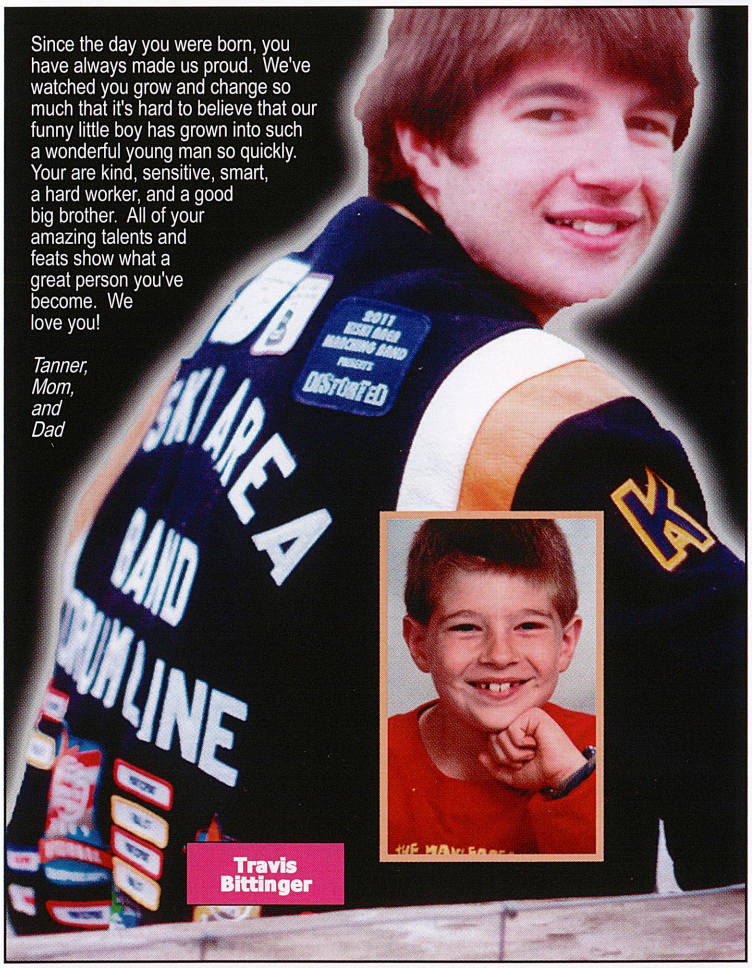
Somehow you knew at a very young age that swimming was in your heart, and you were born to swim. Look at you now. We've watched you become a four-time WPIAL Qualifier, team captain, and six-time YMCA National Qualifier. Words cannot express how proud we are of you.

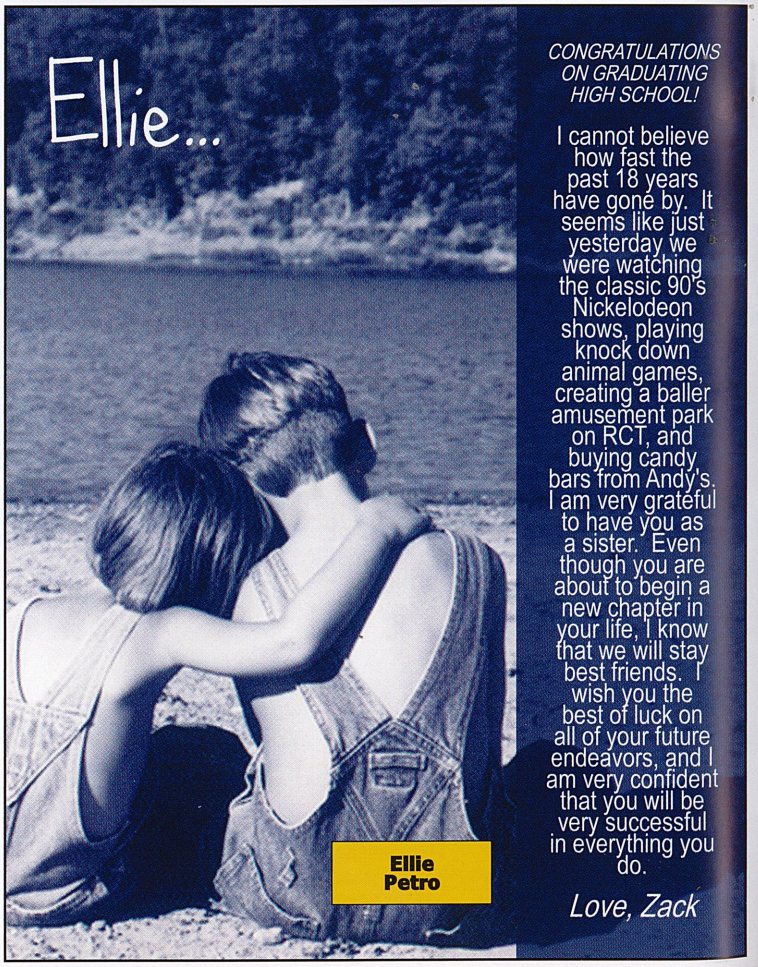
From the minute you were born, we knew that you were so very special and would be destined to do great things. With your adventurous spirit and unfailing kindness, you will enter this new path in your life and discover where your dreams will lead. Always remember that our hearts will be there with you every step of the way. Stay true to who you are, and know that God's hand will always guide you.

Thanks for the awesome memories, and here's looking to many more!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Alex, Zach, and Lauren





Danetta...

Congratulations!

Today is your day.

You're off to great places;
You're off and away.

Oh Baby, the places you'll go.

You'll be on your way up!

You'll be seeing great sights!

You'll join the high flyers
who soar to high heights.

You'll be ready for anything under the sky!

And will you succeed?

Yes! You will indeed!

98 and 3/4 percent guaranteed.

Congratulations!

Today is your day!

Your mountain is waiting...

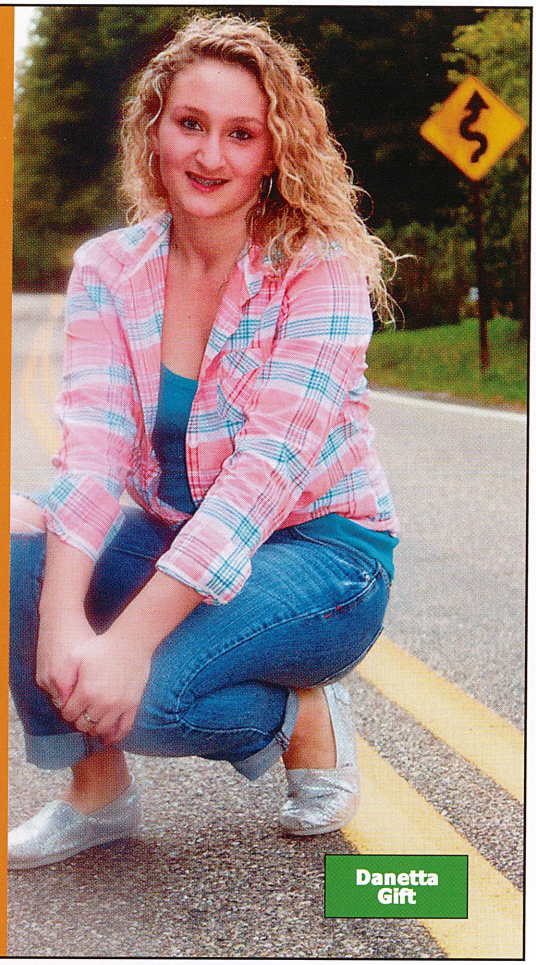
So... Get on your way!

~ Dr. Seuss

We are blessed by the young woman you are and can't wait to see where God leads you!

Love you to the moon and back...

Mama, Daddy, Daddy Dan, Rachel, and Grant



Danetta Gift

Stephanie Sikora

Well Steph, where do I begin? We have been very blessed to have a daughter like you. You are everything a parent could wish for in a child. You are levelheaded, focused, compassionate, and goal-oriented... to list just a few. We have watched you develop into an exceptional young woman. I have such wonderful memories of you growing up and have enjoyed going to all your soccer games among all of your other activities. The future is open wide for you to explore, and I know that you will excel in anything you put your mind to.

Love you,
Mom, Dad and Stassy

To one of the sweetest and nicest grand-daughters anyone could have. Have a wonderful future ahead of you. Kick some butt.

Love,
Grandma & Grandpa

Jocelin Herstek

Jocelin...

It's hard to believe that you're a senior. It seems like only yesterday that you were starting out at Washington Elementary. This time next year, you'll have a year of The Art Institute under your belt! They will be lucky to have you. We are so very proud of you and all of your accomplishments. From your years spent in guard, yearbook, student council, and Key Club, (not to mention all the things you do just because you want to), you've blossomed into a beautiful and well-rounded young lady with a strong head on her shoulders and a heart of gold. We can't wait to see that the future has in store for you. As you enter this next step in your journey of life, remember that we are always here for you and love and support you, no matter what! Congratulations and best wishes. We love you always!

Mom, Dad, Jenna, and D-Oh-Gee

Rachel,

No matter where life leads you... No matter where you go... No matter what you do...

We will be your biggest fans... And we will always be here for you!

All of our love,
Dad, Mom, and Cleo

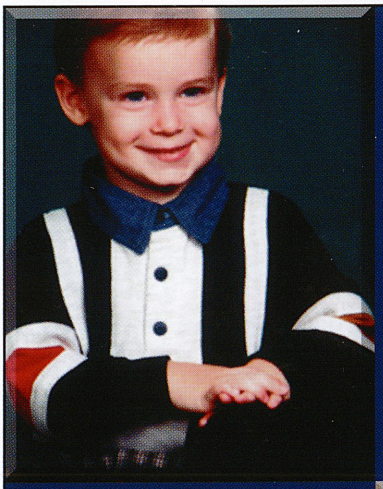
Rachel Hollinger

Timothy,

Senior year is a year of letting go, when parenthood becomes a complicated mixture of pushing you forward and holding you back. Still, at the same time, we are excited for you to move forward in your next phase of life. Have fun, work hard, and enjoy every single day. We are so proud of you. You are such a blessing to us and a fine young man.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Patrick

Timothy Ragan



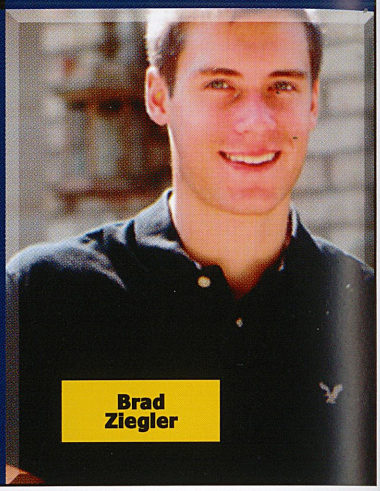
Life is not defined by what you do...

Life is defined by who you are!

Be Good...
Be Strong...
Be YOU!

Love you,

Mom, Dad, Kara, Andy, Kevin, & Ashley



Brad Ziegler

It seems like yesterday I was waiting with you for your first day of school, and now it is hard to believe you are already graduating. You have touched many hearts and have accomplished so much. I know you will continue to grow and excel wherever the path of adulthood may take you. You will always be our princess. We are proud of the intelligent, loving, and beautiful young woman you have become. Good luck. We love you and are always here for you.

Love,

Dad, Granny, Pap-Pap, Ricky, and Nita

Kaitlin Meanor

Kaitlin...

Ariel Ware

Dear Ariel...

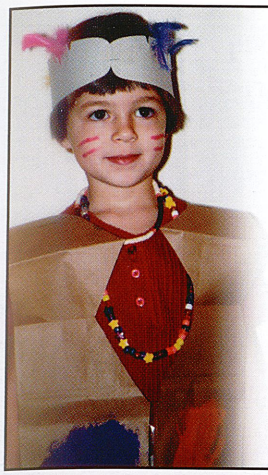
It seems like it was just yesterday that I held you in my arms for the first time. Now, you have grown from a baby into a young lady. You are strong-minded and strong-willed. You know what you want, and you go after it.

I will always be your biggest supporter, your biggest fan. I know that you have a bright future ahead, and I know you will let nothing stand in your way. I love you with all my heart.

Always live your life to the fullest, laugh till it hurts, and love with all your heart.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Stephanie, & Chris



CONGRATULATIONS, Gabriella Rose Petro on your high school graduation.

Don't Forget

by Amanda Bradley

Forget about the days when it's been cloudy, but don't forget your hours in the sun.

Forget about the times you've been defeated, but don't forget the victories you've won.

Forget about the mistakes that you can't change now, but don't forget the lessons that you've learned.

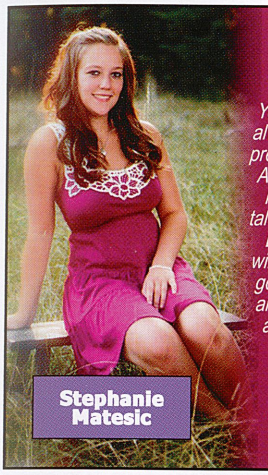
Forget about misfortunes you've encountered, but don't forget the times your luck has turned.

Forget about the days when you've been lonely, but don't forget the friendly smiles you've seen.

Forget about plans that didn't seem to work out right, but don't forget to always have a dream.

Ellie, you are our beautiful angel, and we are so very proud of you. May you always know peace, love, and happiness.

We love you, Mom, Dad, Zack, and Danny

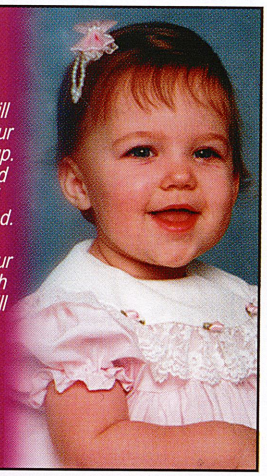


Stephanie,

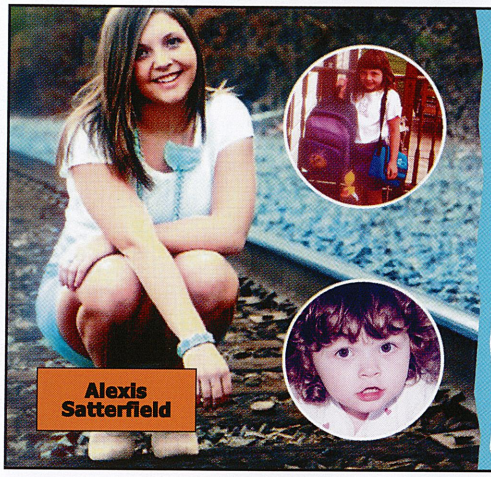
You have always been and will always be our "Sunshine." Our precious baby girl has grown up. Always remember "MR." God has given you a very special talent – never take it for granted. Dad, Amber, and I know you will use it wisely to achieve your goals. We love you very much and have always been and will always be very proud of you.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Amber, and the "weenies"



Stephanie Matesic



Alexis Satterfield

Alexis,

You are interesting, creative, funny, hard-working, intelligent, and compassionate. As you graduate, remember all the hard work and use what you have learned for the challenges that you will face in the future. Believe in yourself! We are proud of you. We love you very much.
Mom, Dad, and Jake

Kaitlin,

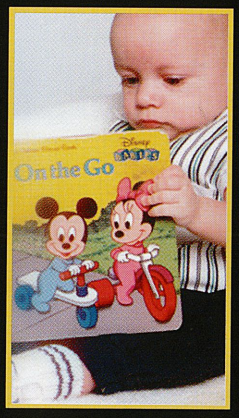
You have been such a wonderful and outstanding granddaughter. We are so proud of all the things you have done. You are active in church, you are about to complete your cosmetology program, you volunteer in your youth group, and you are an inspiration to your younger siblings. You have always been kind to our entire family and participated in family events. You try to improve yourself, and plan to be the first generation in our family to go to college.

Kaitlin, you have been a joy to our entire family, and we are so proud of you. We wish you a wonderful future.

Much Love...

Granny & Pap Pap

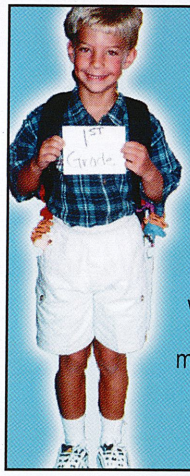
Kaitlin Meanor



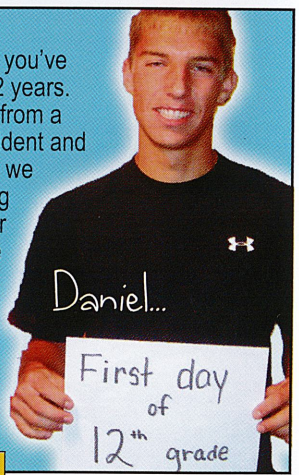
It seems like only yesterday you were learning how to crawl, walk, and ride your bike. Now, you are driving and graduating from high school. We are very proud of the fine young man you have become. We will always be here for you.

Love Always,
Mom, Grandma, and Pap Pap

Donald Miller



We are so very proud of all you've accomplished in the past 12 years. While watching you grow from a sweet little boy into a confident and respectable young man, we knew you were something special. Keep setting your goals high, and strive to be the "best" you can be. We wish you all the happiness in your years ahead and may all your dreams come true. We all love you!!
Mom, Dad, and Erin



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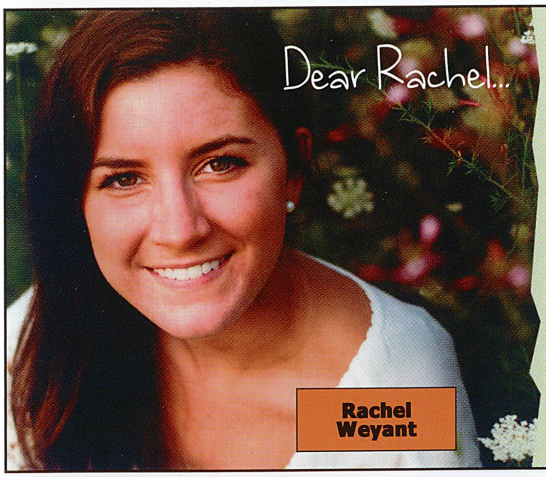


There are so many cherished memories during these last 18 years since you were born. From that time on, we've watched as you followed in the footsteps of your sister and brother, but you were definitely so special in your own way. We'll never forget how you just loved playing house and taking care of your baby dolls! Soon, you were busy with school, Girl Scouts, and sports... and the years flew by.

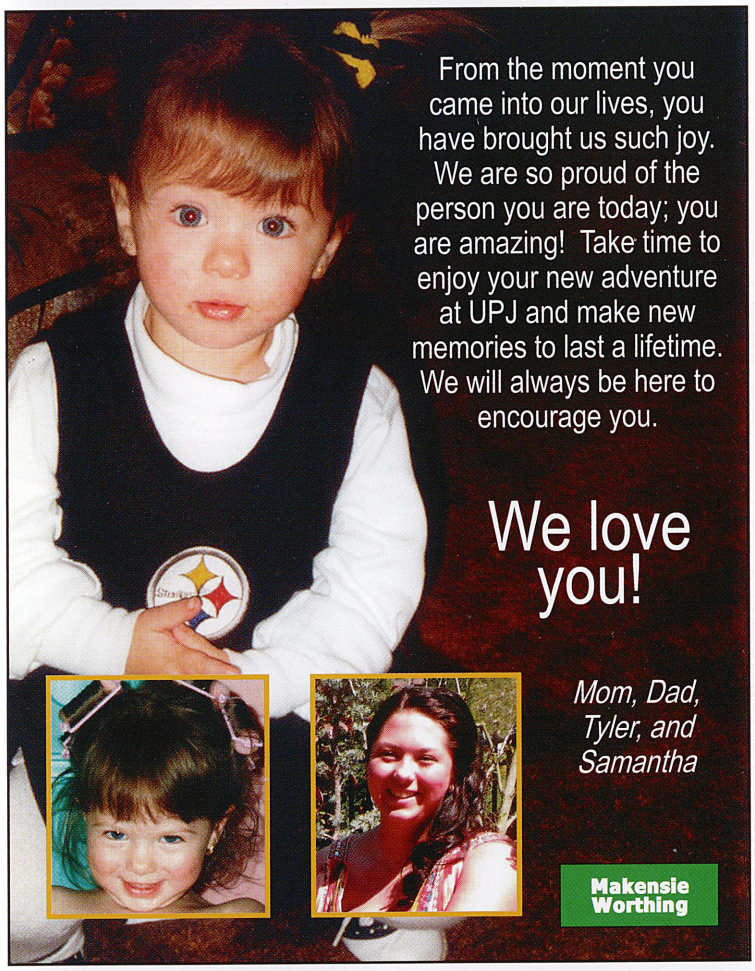
And now, you have grown up to be an amazing young lady, blessed with so many gifts. As you graduate, your future joys and challenges await. We know you will no longer choose to follow after anyone else, but will create your own road ahead. Your strength and dedication in all that you do will help you reach your goals.

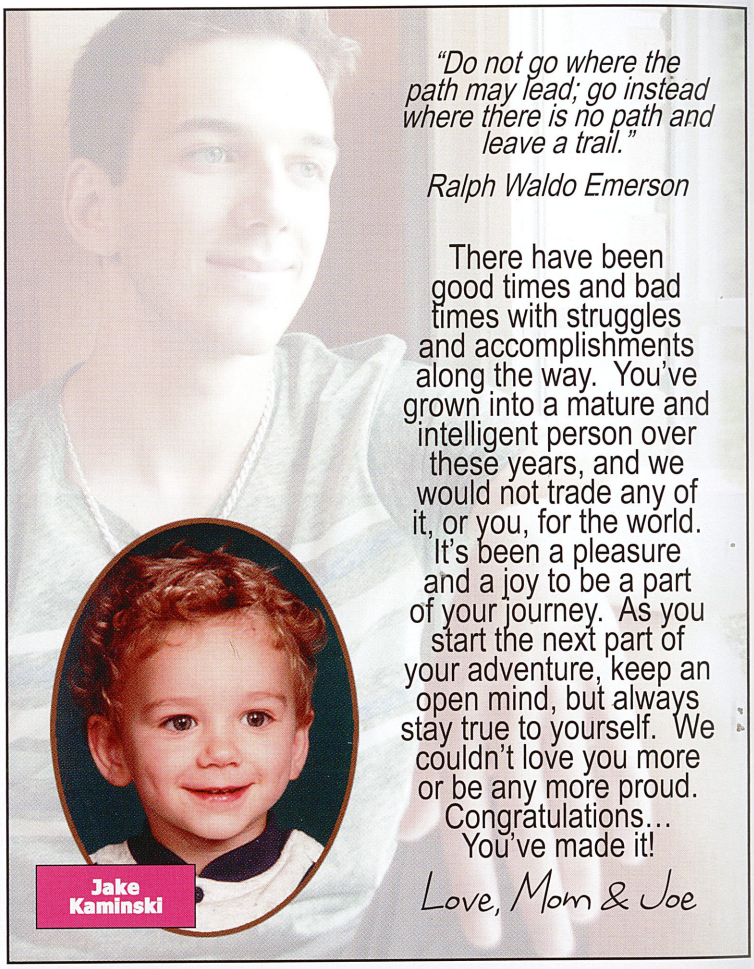
We wish you so much luck as you begin college at Duquesne. Choosing to study to become a Physician's assistant is no surprise; taking care of others is something you were meant to do. Remember to continue to work hard, keep your faith in your heart, and we know you will succeed.

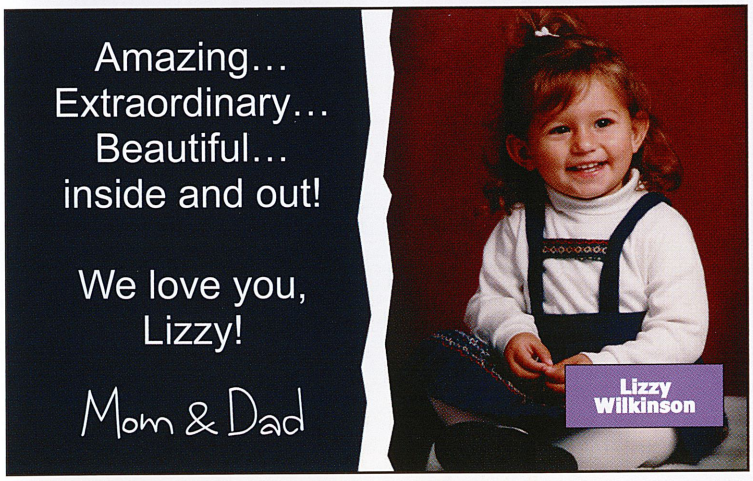
There are no other parents more proud to have a daughter like you!!

We love you, Rachel, and may all your dreams come true!

Mom and Dad



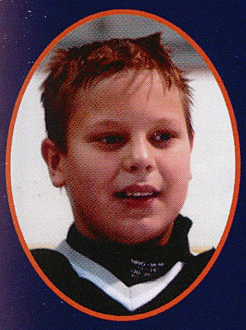


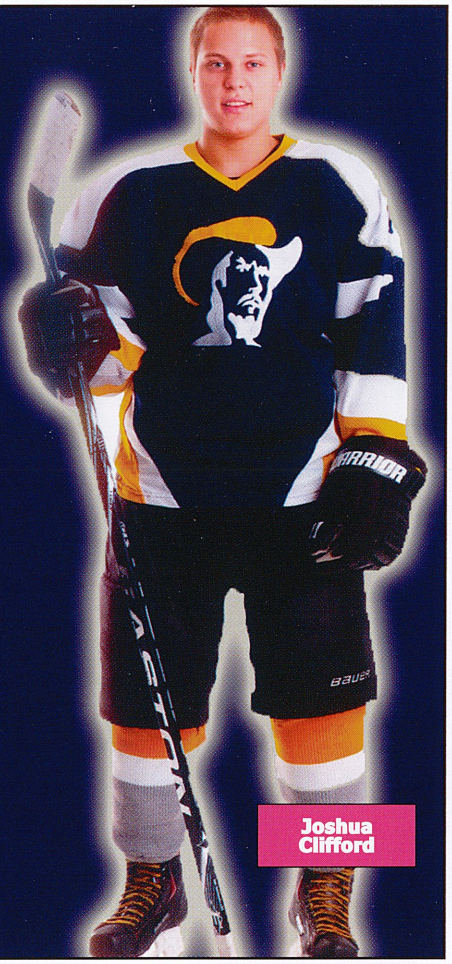


Dear Josh,

We cannot believe our little boy is now a man. Where did the time go? We have wonderful memories of our little boy. These memories bring laughter and tears to our eyes because this chapter of our lives now ends, and a new one begins. Always strive to do your best at everything you do, and you will be successful in life. Successful people sometimes fail, but they never give up. We love you with all our hearts.

Love, Mom, Dad, and Natalie



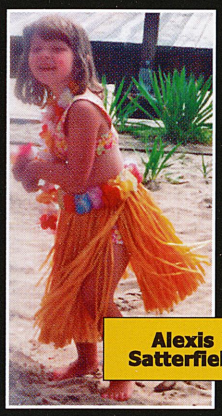


Joshua Clifford

When we remember the day you were born, we smile with love and pride. You have grown into a lovely young woman, full of adventure and a winning personality. May God bless you now and in all your future endeavors. We love you, and our hearts will be with you forever.

Love,

Grandma and Pappy



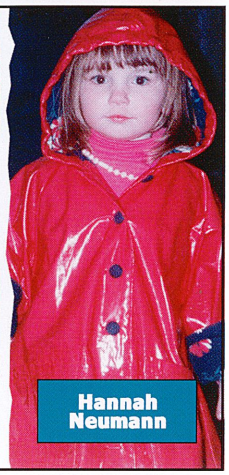
Alexis Satterfield

To say that we are proud of you would be an understatement! You are truly an amazing daughter with all that you have accomplished. Because of your determination and faith, the path you have chosen thus far has always led to success.

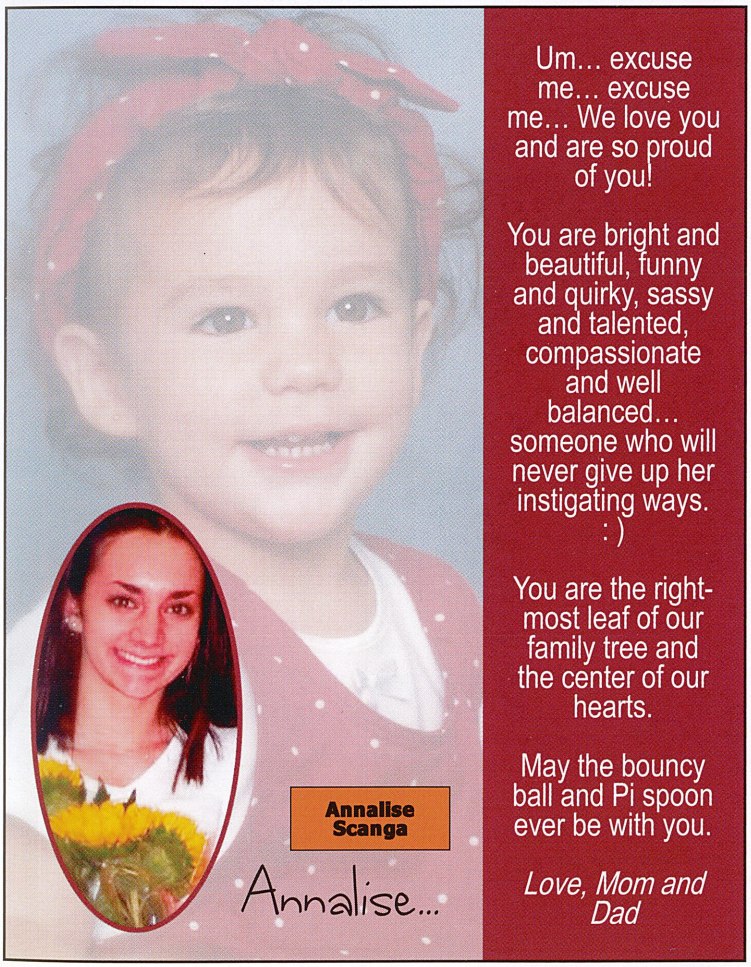
We are confident that your future will be every bit as successful. As you go forward, we encourage you to continue to live and pursue your dreams like there is no tomorrow. Ralph Waldo Emerson said it best when he said, "Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

So, whatever trails you create in the years ahead, just remember that we are always here for you and that we love you more than words can say.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Hannah Neumann



Annalise Scanga

Annalise...

Um... excuse me... excuse me... We love you and are so proud of you!

You are bright and beautiful, funny and quirky, sassy and talented, compassionate and well balanced... someone who will never give up her instigating ways. :)

You are the right-most leaf of our family tree and the center of our hearts.

May the bouncy ball and Pi spoon ever be with you.

Love, Mom and Dad

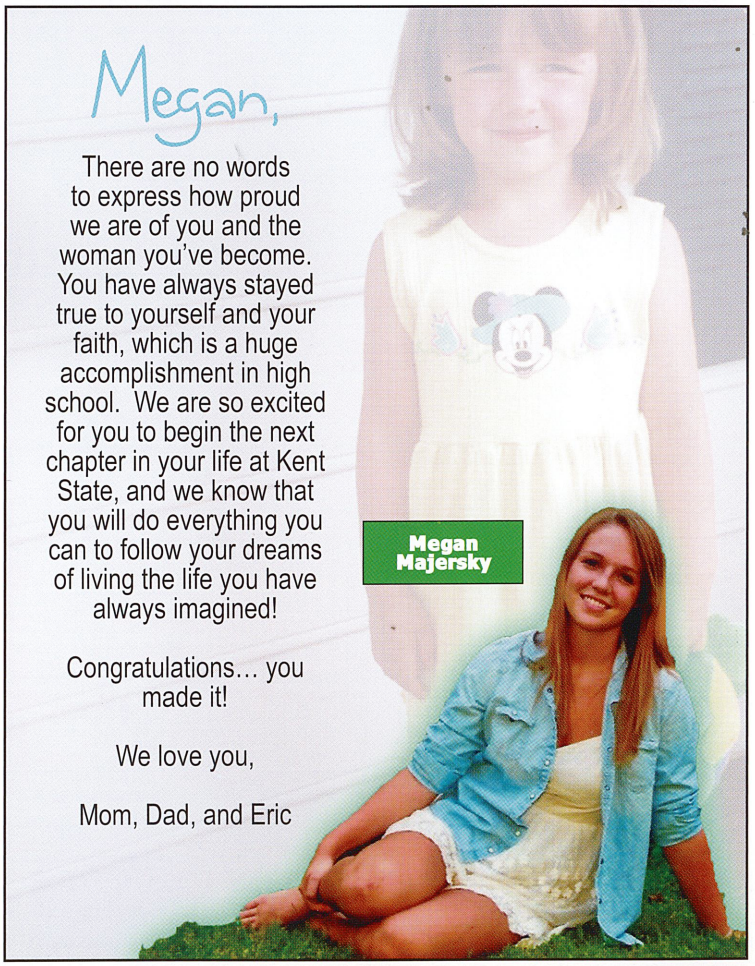
Megan,

There are no words to express how proud we are of you and the woman you've become. You have always stayed true to yourself and your faith, which is a huge accomplishment in high school. We are so excited for you to begin the next chapter in your life at Kent State, and we know that you will do everything you can to follow your dreams of living the life you have always imagined!

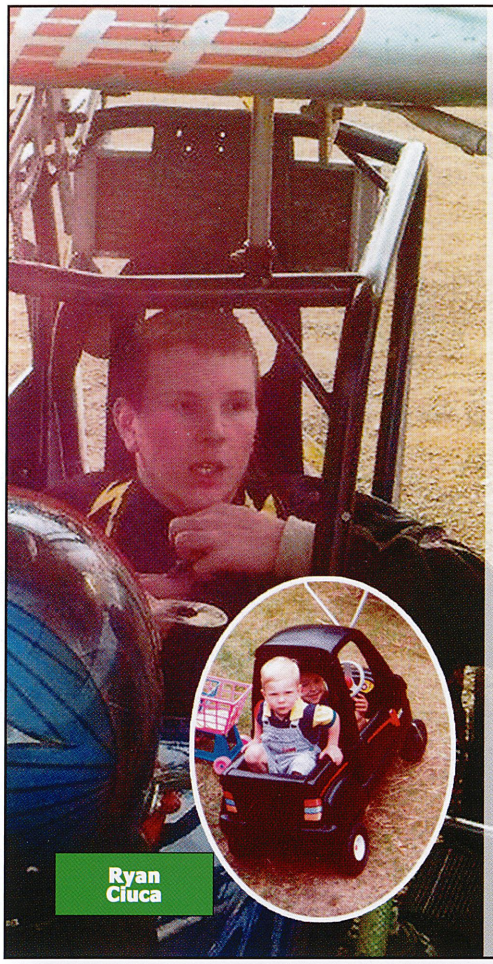
Congratulations... you made it!

We love you,

Mom, Dad, and Eric



Megan Majersky



Ryan Ciuca

Ryan,

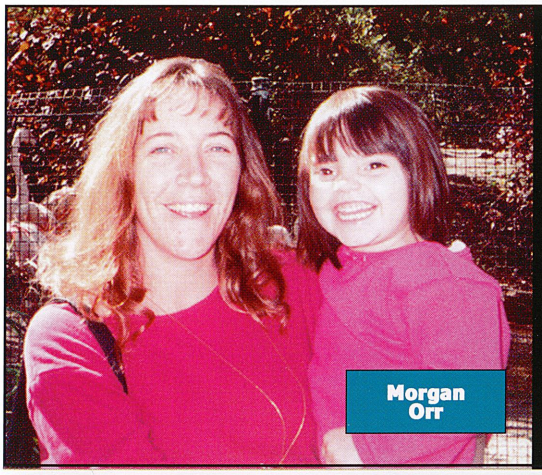
You're finally in the driver's seat. Roads may curve and change... but no matter what, don't ever stop driving.

When the checkered flag seems out of reach, stay focused and don't give up.

Most importantly, remember to enjoy the ride!

Love ya,

Mom, Dad, and Lindsey

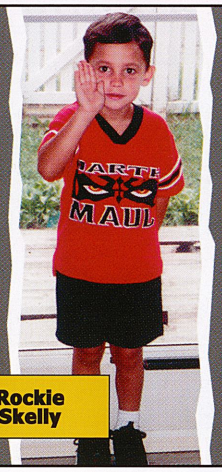


Morgan Orr

Congratulations Morgan (Sissy),

We are so proud of you. Not only do you excel academically and athletically, you are also highly motivated. Set your goals in life high, and know that we are always here for you. We love you. We wish you continued success at Carlow College, my Monsters Inc. Baby!

Mom, Dad, Loren, Terri



Rockie Skelly

Congratulations, Rockie!

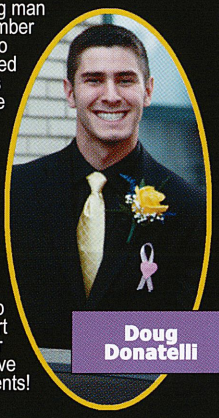
We are so proud of you. Best wishes in whatever you decide to do in the future. We will always be here for you!

Love,

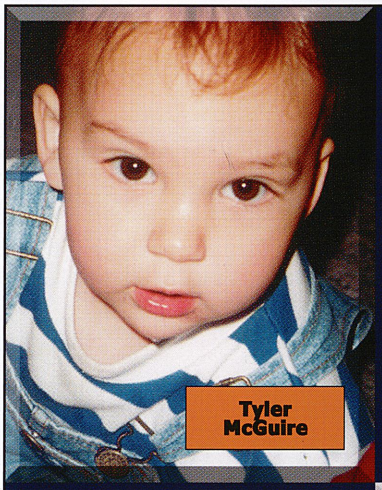
Mom, Dad, Emilie, and Grandma

We are very proud of the mature young man you have become. Our hearts remember the sweet and happy little boy who always had a smile on his face, loved to play outside, and made friends wherever he went. Although there was some resistance to starting Kindergarten, once you realized going to school was inevitable, you embraced it and excelled! We are proud of your academic accomplishments and know that you will reach all the future goals that you set for yourself. We are so excited to see how your bright future unfolds,and we cannot help but to be a little sad to see this part of the journey end. Thank you for all the pride and enjoyment you have brought us. We love being your parents!

Love, Mom and Dad



Doug Donatelli

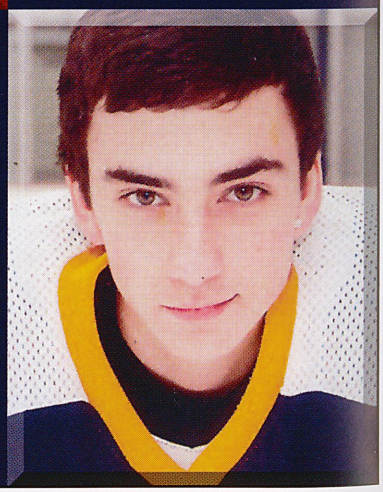


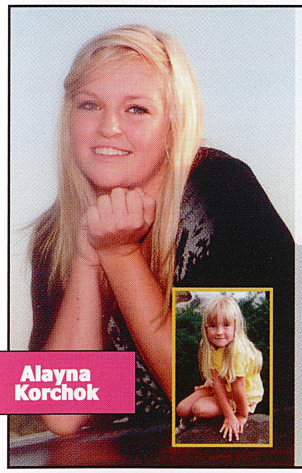
Tyler McGuire

The saying "How time flies" is so appropriate right now. Weren't you just a kid not too long ago? You've grown a lot, but you haven't changed all that much! You still like having fun, goofing around, and making people laugh. The growing you've done these last 18 years has made you one of the strongest, kindest, funniest, and most loyal people we know. You're down to earth but have big dreams... dreams we know will realize because of your tenacity and passion.

You never cease to amaze us with your talents and abilities. Words cannot describe how proud we are of you, Tyler. We will always have your back! We wish you the best of luck in your future after graduating from high school.

Love, Always, Mom & Dad





Alayna Korchok

Miss Alayna,18 years have come and gone so fast.

It feels like yesterday we were waiting for the bus to come from your first day of school, the crafts in Brownies, the time you tried to fool the tooth fairy with a pebble, watching you play the snare drum in elementary school, the parades in middle school, and you were still "drumming," colorguard and winterguard in high school... then off to the "pit" in the marching band as well as the percussion groups. You worked your way to "center" marimba. I will miss all the concerts, football games, and band competitions, but we have all our memories and pictures to remind us.

Thank you for not being embarrassed by your crazy mom screaming the "Kiski chant" at every competition; it was my way to tell you, "Mom is your biggest fan!"

You have grown to become a beautiful young lady both inside and out, and I am so proud to be your Mom. Still, I am even more proud to call you my daughter, Miss Alayneiss.

Your next journey will be the hardest and greatest experiences of your life; remember to stop and smell the roses along the way. I know you will give it your all and come out on top... like you always do!

Congratulations! You did it! I love you.

Love, Mom and Chelsea

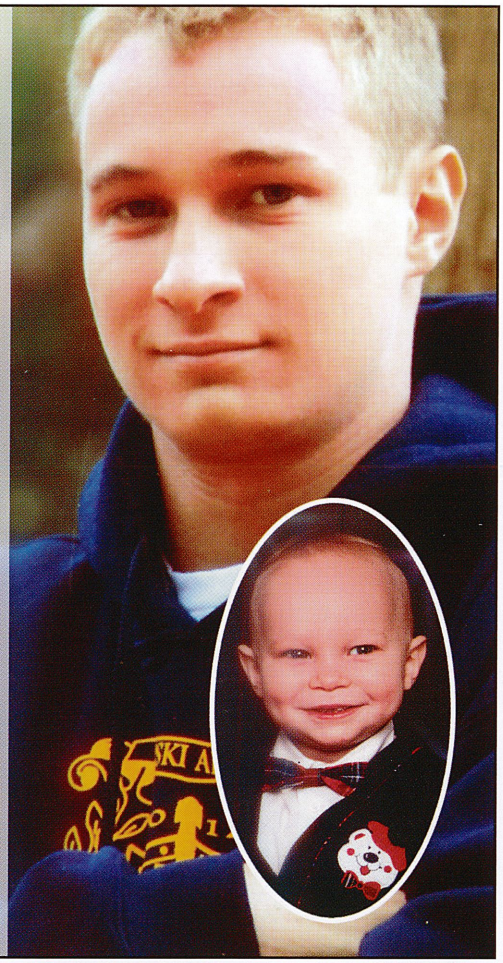
Dear Austin:

Words alone could never express how proud we are of you. We have watched you grow into such a self-confident, compassionate young man... one whose loyalty is never in question... family or friend. You have a heart of gold, and your fearless personality always shines, whether on a stage or in everyday life. We will never forget the time our family attended a party, and, at the young age of four, you went around to all of the adults introducing yourself and shaking their hands.

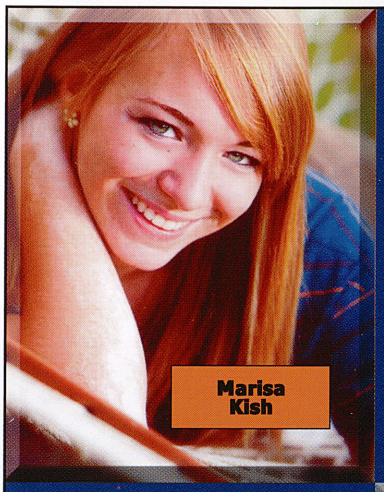
As you proceed along your life's journey, know that we will always support you. The world is your stage. Just be yourself and continue to make wise choices. All of your dreams can and will come true.

All Our Love,

Dad, Mom Ian, & Keaton



Austin Moorhead



Marisa Kish

THE VOICE

There is a voice inside of you
That whispers all day long,

"I feel that this is right for me,
I know that this is wrong."

No teacher, preacher,
parent, friend,
Or wise man can decide...

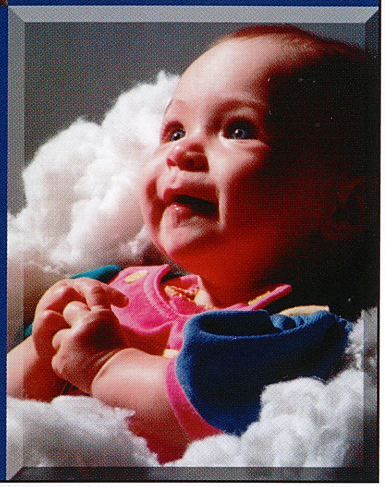
What's right for you - just listen to
The voice that speaks inside.

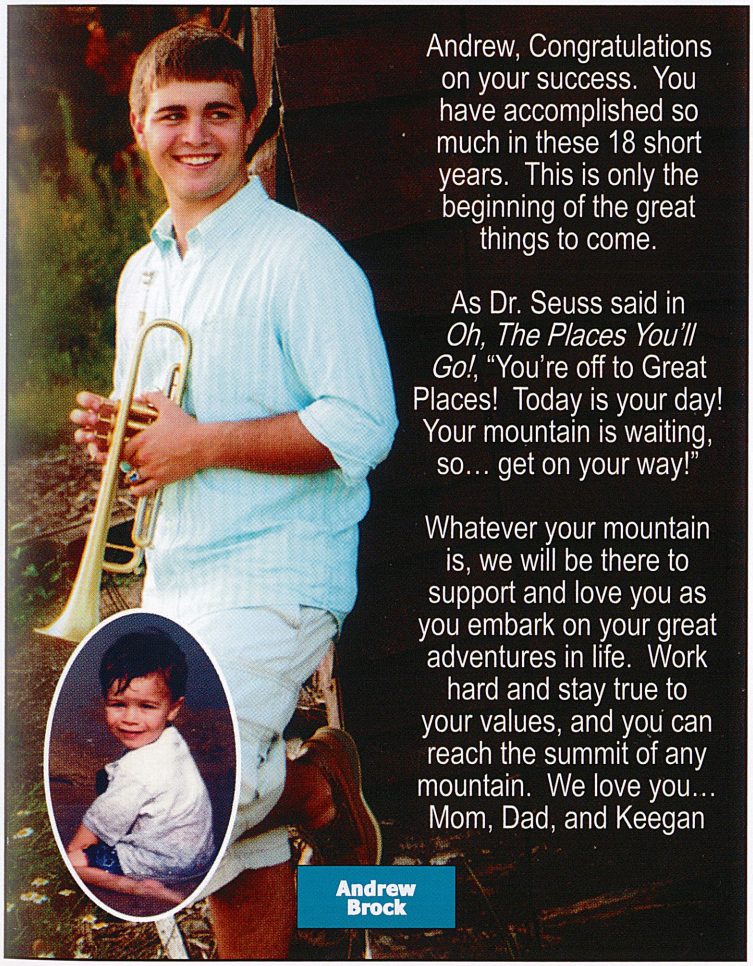
Marisa...

We love you and are so very proud of all you have accomplished. Always believe in yourself and follow your dreams.

Love,

Mom, Dad and Matthew



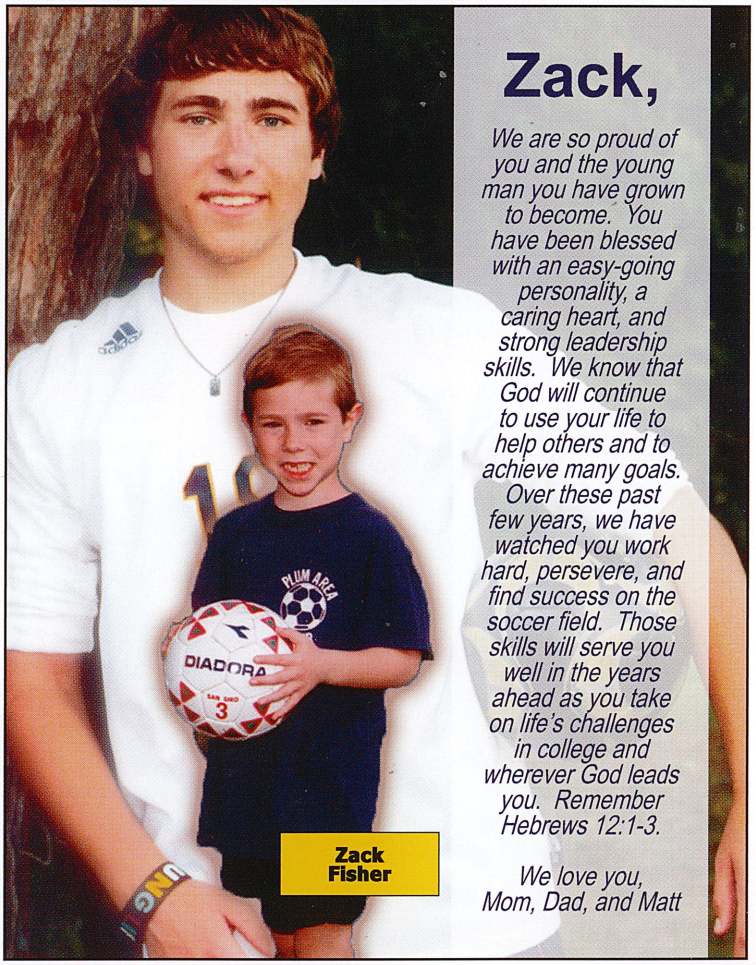


Andrew, Congratulations on your success. You have accomplished so much in these 18 short years. This is only the beginning of the great things to come.

As Dr. Seuss said in *Oh, The Places You'll Go!*, "You're off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so… get on your way!"

Whatever your mountain is, we will be there to support and love you as you embark on your great adventures in life. Work hard and stay true to your values, and you can reach the summit of any mountain. We love you… Mom, Dad, and Keegan

Andrew Brock



Zack,

We are so proud of you and the young man you have grown to become. You have been blessed with an easy-going personality, a caring heart, and strong leadership skills. We know that God will continue to use your life to help others and to achieve many goals. Over these past few years, we have watched you work hard, persevere, and find success on the soccer field. Those skills will serve you well in the years ahead as you take on life's challenges in college and wherever God leads you. Remember Hebrews 12:1-3.

We love you,
Mom, Dad, and Matt

Zack Fisher

"For you have delivered me from death and my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before God in the life of light."

Psalms 56:13

Jenna Elizabeth Prusia

March 14, 1996 to December 28, 2012

Jenna Prusia

Ann Ann,

You have always been my baby sister who I wanted to protect, but you have since grown into an amazing young woman who is ready to take on the world. I wish you good luck as you move on to this next stage in your life. Remember, no matter how old you get, I will always have your back!

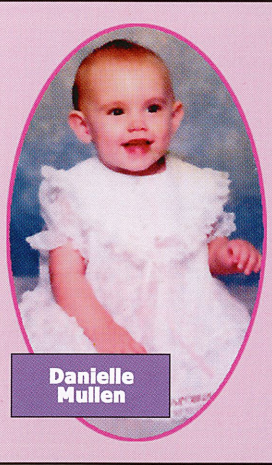
Love, Ab Ab

Dear Ann Ann,

Good job staying in school and graduating! Time to go off into the cold darkness of the real world, but I know you will succeed in life and warm up the cold darkness with your bright smile! Good luck!

Love, Jesse

Anna Scanga



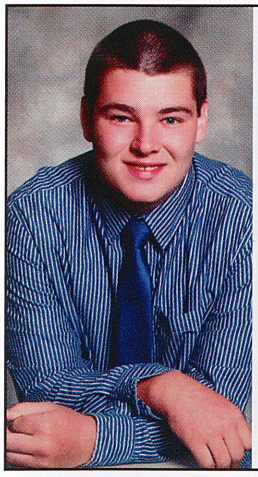
Danielle Mullen

Baby Squirrel,

We have watched you grow into a young woman that any parent would be proud of! We hope and pray that God blesses you in all you do. It has been an honor to be your parents. We are proud of you!

We Love You…

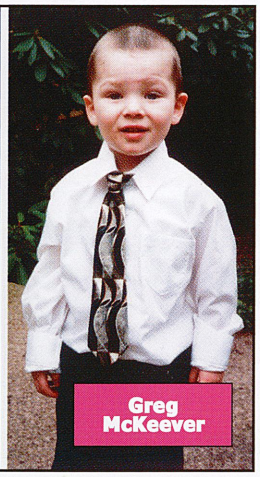
Papa Bear, Mama Goose, and Kiddos



Greg,

Years of dedication and hard work have defined the young man you have become today. We are so proud of you and your accomplishments! Always follow your dreams!

Love, Dad, Mom, and Megan



Greg McKeever

Rebecca Clark

Rebecca,

You have blossomed into a wonderful young lady. We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished. We wish you much happiness and success in your future endeavors. We know you will bloom where you are planted. Believe in miracles… they do happen. You are loved and cherished.

Love, Mom and Dad

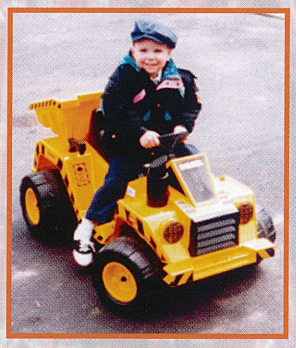
Dear Luke,

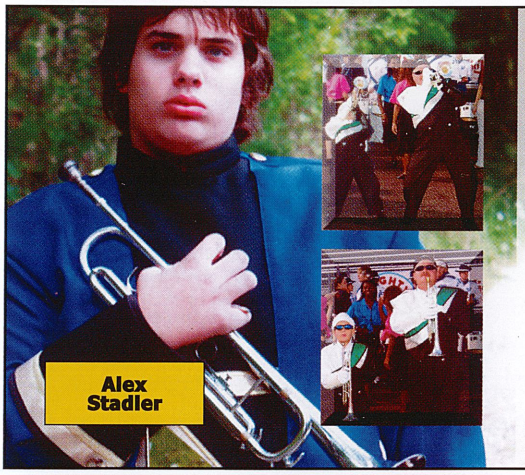
We were overjoyed the day you were born, and you continue to fill our hearts with that same joy. You are an awesome son… kind, considerate, honest, and so hard-working. You have never succumbed to peer pressure and have always stayed true to yourself. Luke, your future could not look any brighter! Keep God number one, never lose your faith, and remember we are always there for you!

Love,

Dad, Mom, and Adam

Lucas Weaver

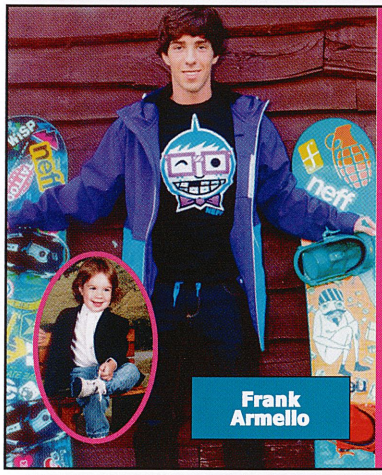




Alex Stadler

We can't believe how fast time flies; just yesterday, we were bringing you home from the hospital, and now you are graduating from high school. We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. You have grown into a wonderful young man. Always remember we love you and to have fun in whatever you do.

Love,
Dad and Mom



Frank Armello

I Choose...

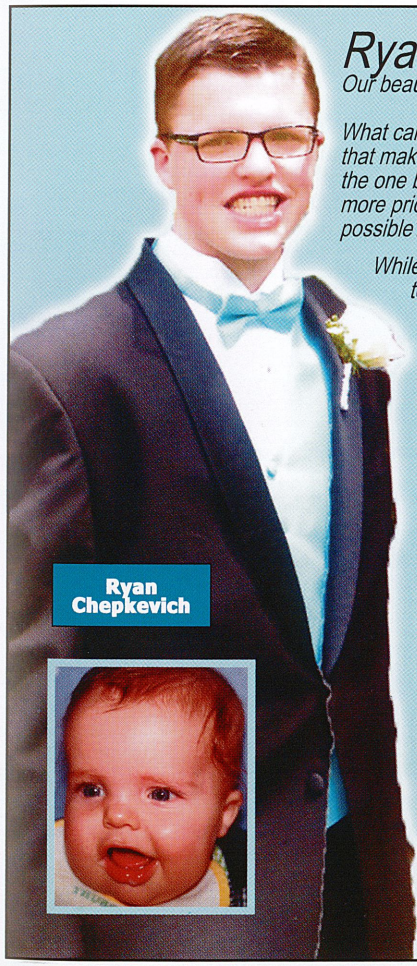
to live by choice, not by chance;
to MAKE CHANGES, NOT EXCUSES;
to be motivated, not manipulated;
to be useful, not used;
to excel, not compete.

I CHOOSE SELF-ESTEEM, NOT SELF-PITY.

I choose to listen to my Inner Voice, not the random opinion of others.

Frankie, I am so proud of you!

Love, MOM



Ryan Chepkevich

Ryan William,

Our beautiful, special, wonderful son...

What can we say about the fine young man that makes every single day brighter than the one before... who provides us with more pride and joy than we ever imagined possible?

While there truly aren't words available to describe exactly what you mean to your mom and dad...and to your brother...you need to know just how very important you are to all of us...

Your accomplishments in the classroom, at work, and in all that you do on a daily basis give everyone that you come in contact with a reason to smile. We admire the incredible love that you have for your Pittsburgh sports teams, the Kiski Area Cavaliers, and, of course, Notre Dame... the players and coaches should feel honored to have you as a fan!

We look forward to sharing the next step in your education with you...the next important moment in your life with you... the next 'everything' with you...

"Oof Oof"...YOU will always be NUMBER 1!

Hannah,

You are amazing. Continue to work hard, dream big, and believe in yourself, and you will find happiness and success in all you do. We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom and Dad

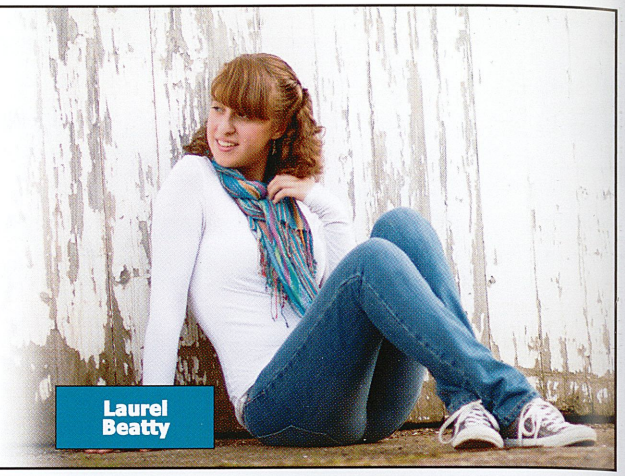
Hannah Guzolik

"The essential condition of everything you do must be choice, love, and passion."
-George N. Parks

Laurel...

We can't believe the time has flown by so very quickly! Your senior year is coming to a close. Instead of a fond look back at all that you have accomplished, our fervent wish for you is to look forward with excitement and anticipation of the experiences and possibilities still in store for you. We are so proud of the young woman you have become! The choices you've made have already given you the wisdom and abilities necessary to move into your bright future with confidence and grace. We are positive that the love and passion you pour into everything you do will be the key ingredients to your making your dreams come true.

With Lots of Love,
Mom & Dad



Laurel Beatty

You have filled our hearts with such joy throughout your life. We are so proud of the person you have become! Beauty, kindheartedness, loyalty, responsibility, and independence are just some of your amazing qualities. The world is a better place with you in it, and we know you will continue to be successful in all that you set out to do.

We Love You!

Mom, Dad, and Sister

"Congratulations! Today is your day. You're off to Great Places! You're off and away! You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose."

~ Dr. Seuss

Ashley Heater

Shine on... our crazy diamond.

We love you...

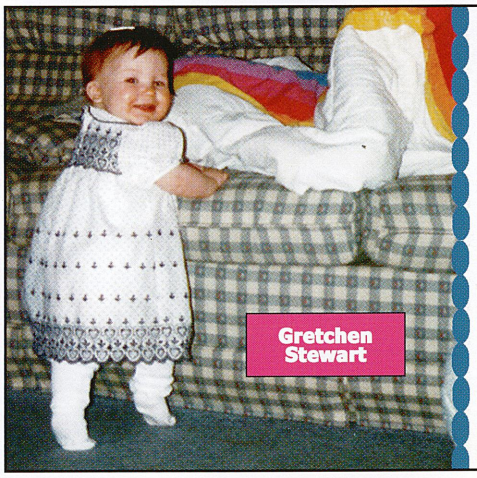
Jayne, Mom, and Dad

Hannah Hohman

It has been such a blessing watching you grow into a wonderful young man. The future is yours... live your dreams! Thanks for all the great memories you've given us. We are proud of you!

We love you!
Dad, Mom, and Ty

Brandon Mangus



Gretchen Stewart

Words cannot express how proud I am of you and how much I love you. When I wished for a little girl, I did not know how lucky I would be to have you as my little girl. Congratulations!

Love,

Mom, Lorin, and Shane
XOXO

Tara Stolarski

It has been a wonderful journey watching you grow from a beautiful little girl into the gorgeous woman you have become. You have always excelled in everything you have set out to do, whether on the soccer field, basketball court, or in the classroom. We are so proud of you. You have had hurdles along the way that have changed the path of your dreams, but only that path has changed, not the destination. Just know that we will always be here to help you along your path.

To our beautiful Belle,
We will always love you,

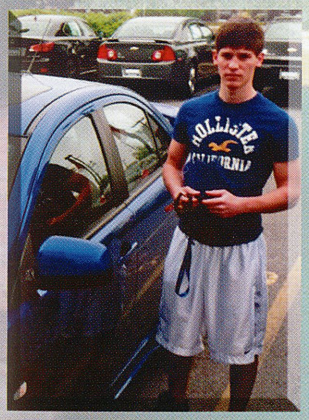
Mom, Dad, and Nate

Stefan,

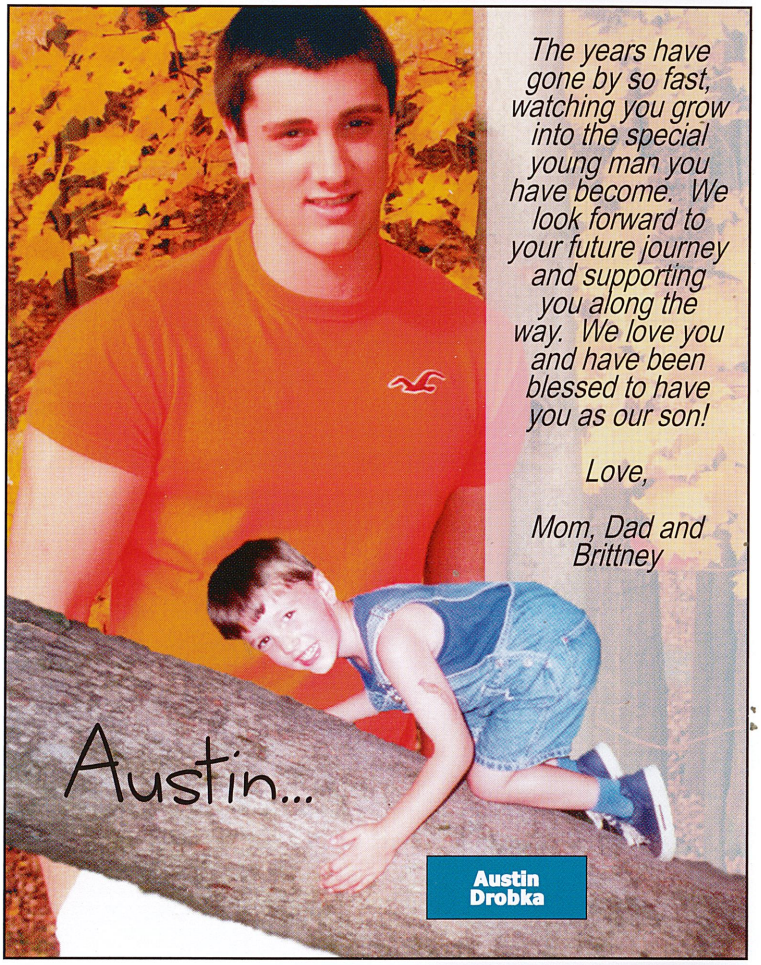
It seems like just yesterday you were getting on the bus for your first day of school. It is so hard to believe you are now graduating from high school.

We have enjoyed every moment of watching you grow up and are so proud of you.

We love you!
Mom, Dad, and Ty



Stefan Clair



The years have gone by so fast, watching you grow into the special young man you have become. We look forward to your future journey and supporting you along the way. We love you and have been blessed to have you as our son!

Love,

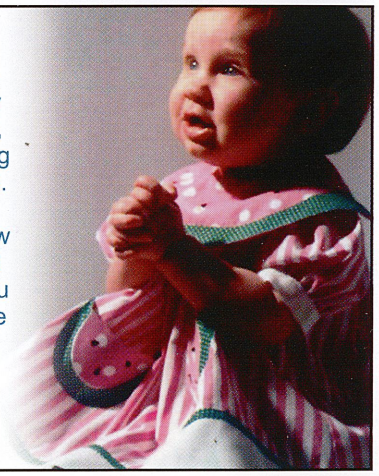
Mom, Dad and Brittney

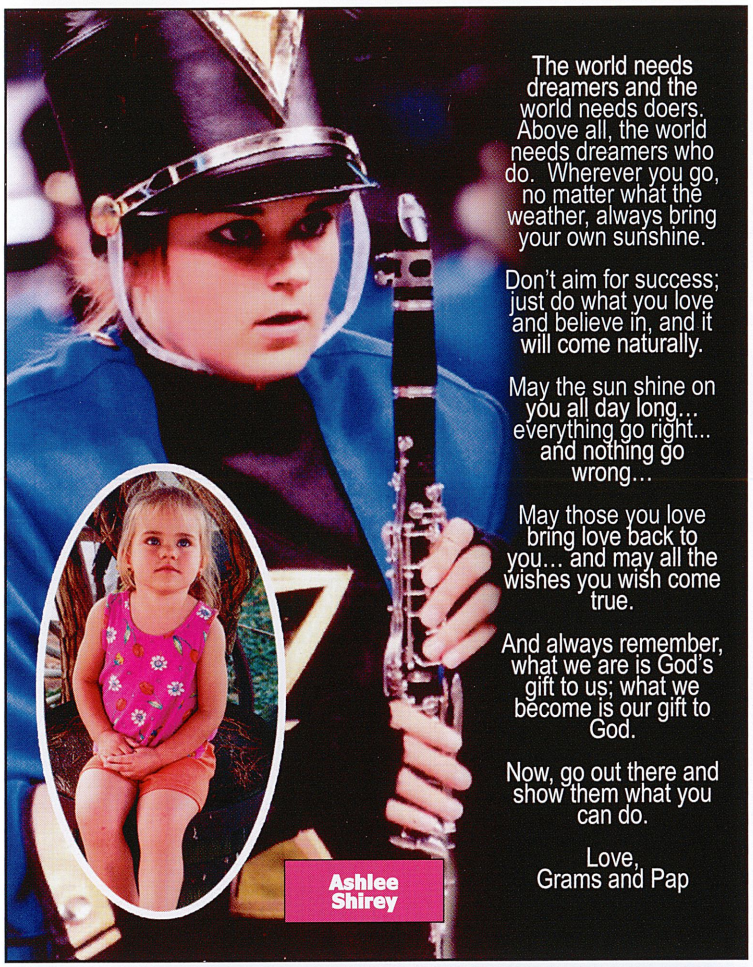
Austin Drobka

Kaylee Hansberry

Someone once wrote that children are like kites and that a parent's job is to slowly unwind the string as they begin to soar. One day, as a parent, you realize that there is no more string to let out, and your child is flying free. Kaylee, as we hang on to the very end of the string, we want you to know that you have made us so proud and have exceeded our expectations. You are amazing, and we can't wait to see what happens next in your life.

Love you always,
Mom and Dad





The world needs dreamers and the world needs doers. Above all, the world needs dreamers who do. Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine.

Don't aim for success; just do what you love and believe in, and it will come naturally.

May the sun shine on you all day long... everything go right... and nothing go wrong...

May those you love bring love back to you... and may all the wishes you wish come true.

And always remember, what we are is God's gift to us; what we become is our gift to God.

Now, go out there and show them what you can do.

Love,
Grams and Pap

Ashlee Shirey

It just seemed like yesterday you came into our lives. The years have gone by way too quickly. We have enjoyed every minute of watching you grow into such a handsome young man. Always remember life is so short, as you already know, so live each day to its fullest.

Love,
Your Family

Brandon Rogers

Dustin Charles,

You are... infinitely dear to us, unspeakably precious to God. You are never, not for one second, alone or unloved. On November 18, 1994 at 11:59 PM, we thought that we had been blessed by your arrival. Now, eighteen years later, we indeed know that we were blessed. It has been our pleasure and joy to call you our son.

"Be wise my son, and bring joy to my heart."
Proverbs 27:11

We love you, Dad and Mom

Dustin Stover

E XCELLENT
N THUSIASTIC
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E ADSTRONG

Elijah Eshenbaugh

We love you and are so proud of you.

Love, Mom, Dad, & Alec

Cole Prager

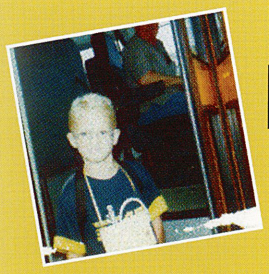
Congratulations Cole and Elizabeth!

We knew this day would come. Now, it is bittersweet to remember our tiny twins and realize the last 18 years have raced by. The once far off "someday" is now here, and you both are about to graduate. Watching you grow up into intelligent, strong, and capable young adults has been one of our greatest joys. You enrich the lives of others with your fun-loving spirits. You are exceptional athletes and sportsmen. You continue to amaze us with your capacity for learning and steadfast convictions.

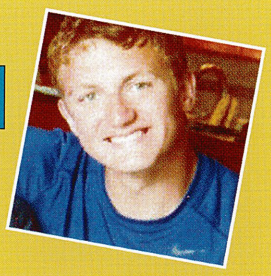
Over the last 4 years, you have managed classes, teachers, homework, papers, tests, projects, endless practices, tryouts, teams, competitions, meets, and friends. You have learned the value of perseverance and have overcome adversity to assure your ultimate success. It is with pride in our hearts, smiles on our faces, and tears in our eyes, that we watch you both go out into the world with your talents and follow your dreams. Whether babies on board or M&M's, the two of you have been together all the way! You are on your way! Anything and everything waits for you to go and grab it.

We love you both forever, Mom and Dad

Elizabeth Prager



John Shannon

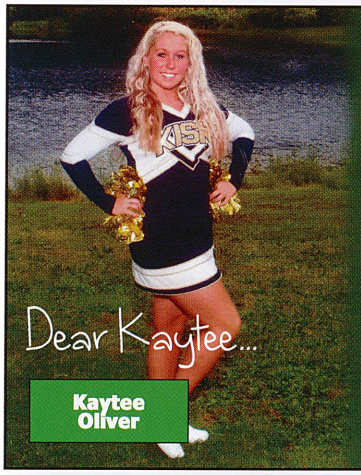


Wow! That was fast. Like it was yesterday, I still remember that first day of kindergarten when you got on the bus. We are so very proud of the man you have become. The respect you have towards others and the love you have in your heart are the qualities that mean the most to us as parents.

You will find that life is lived like a book, in chapters. As you close this chapter of your life and start the next, I hope you realize the importance of building your future so the next chapters in your life can be lived with joy and success. These are the years to build your future. Live them with love, laughter, and respect. I know you will do your best at anything you attempt, and, with determination, you will succeed at all that you do.

We love you more than anything.

Mom, Dad, and Matt...
(with Nana & Poppa always watching over you)



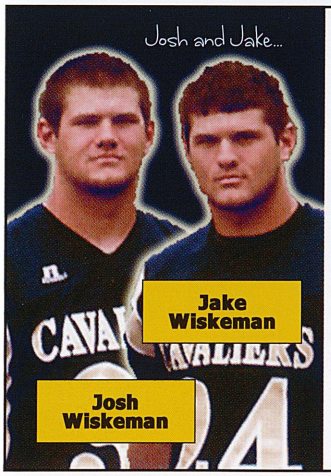
Dear Kaytee...

Kaytee Oliver

From a little lamb in the Christmas play to a senior cheerleader, how quickly the time has gone. God has given you many worthwhile experiences and memories. May your footsteps always lead you to great accomplishments. We treasure many proud and funny memories of you.

Love you,

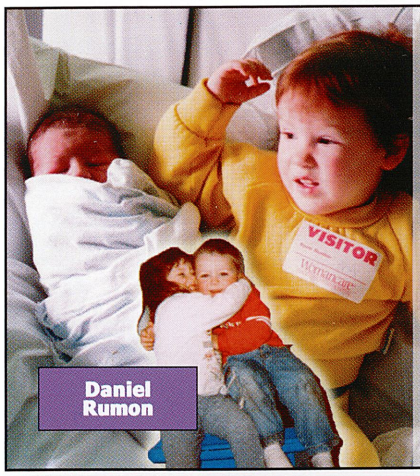
Aunt Cindy,
Grandma,
and Pap



It's difficult to put into words how we feel about you... our twins! Faced with adversities for most of your lives, you've overcome hardship and have never accepted failure. For years, we've been by your sides, cheering for t-ball, baseball, basketball, and especially football, where you've both surpassed our greatest expectations! We cannot thank you enough for the unforgettable memories that you have given us! Always the competitive brothers, you've never let that competitiveness come between you. Through good and bad, wins and losses, you've been the best you can be. We've watched you grow from loving and polite little boys to caring, respectful, reliable young men, always ready to help anyone in need. We're so proud of you for making high honor roll and for demonstrating your leadership qualities whenever and wherever needed. As college nears, we want you to know how proud we are of you, and we'll miss both of you every day. The world is waiting for you... so go and get it! No two boys deserve success and happiness more than you! We love you... and always will.

Love you with all of our hearts,

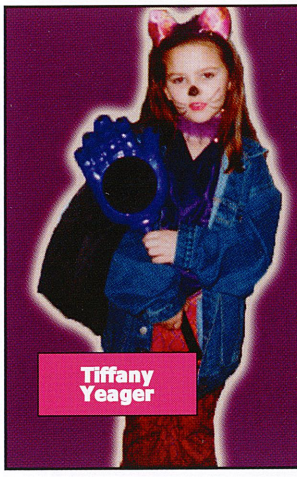
Mom, Dad, & Lexi



Daniel Rumon

Man... you're getting old. You know what that means, I'm getting even older. It's been a rough life. I'm so proud of everything you've accomplished, be it from music, Vo-tech, or actually applying yourself at school. Just think... it's almost over, so you won't have to skip anymore. Remember that I'll always be there for you whether you need my girly, emotional advice, or some touch love. I've got your back, just like you've got mine. I know you'll do great things with whatever dreams you choose to follow. Good luck!

Love, Mad



Tiffany Yeager

Tiffany Rae,

We always knew you were something special, but we never dreamed you would have become as well-rounded, brilliant, level-headed, and accomplished as you are today. You are our sunshine! We love you… always and forever.

Love… Mom and Dad

Kayla Salego

Kayla,

…Our Pumpkin Pie. We can't believe our baby is graduating! When I found out I was having a girl, I couldn't wait to use all those fancy, frilly dresses I had tucked away… Forget it! You used those clothes for a bonfire and have worn a pair of cowboy boots ever since. That's our Kayla; we wouldn't have it any other way. We have watched you grow from a fragile little baby into a strong, confident, beautiful young woman. We are so proud of you. So, go out with your boots on, study hard, and you will go far. The best is yet to come.

Love always, Mom and Dad

Hannah Milheim

Beetle…

Along with a few other nicknames best left out of print, what a pleasure it continues to be to watch you mature into a lovely and gifted young woman. From the classroom and the soccer field to the stage for dance, plays, and chorus, we have been very proud to watch you make every effort to do your best. As you move on to the next phase of your life, pause to remember the source of true happiness.

"Do not let kindness and truth leave you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart."

Proverbs 3:3

We love you!

Mom, Dad & Michele

Alexa Cramer

Alexa...

We are so proud of the beautiful, intelligent, and confident young woman you have become. Your great sense of humor and optimism will take you far in life. Since you were a little girl, you have had the ability to light up a room with personality and presence. It has been so much fun sharing the sweet ride that has been the first 18 years of your life! Congratulations!

Love… Dad, Mom, and Ben

Where have the years gone? It seems like it was just yesterday that the journey began when you got on the bus for the first time with your bright "red" hair and your big blue eyes filled with apprehension.

We have been privileged to accompany you along the way... with your gymnastics both at Ultimate and for Kiski... cheerleading... running track... working at Dairy Queen... and now with "Buddies." You have made us very proud with all that you have accomplished.

You have quietly set goals for yourself, that even when they seemed impossible, you one by one achieved them.

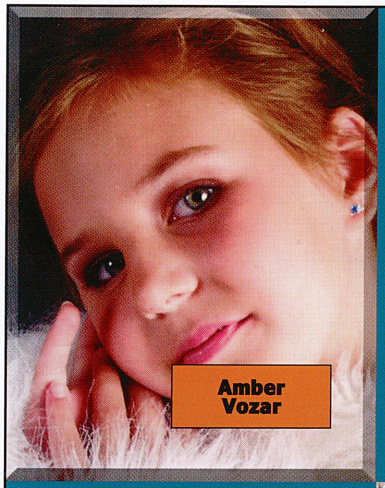
So, now that this part of the journey ends, another one is just beginning, and we will again be by your side.

You have grown into a beautiful young woman, both inside and out.

"Don't aim for success if you want it; just do what you love and believe in, and it will come naturally." ~ David Frost

All our love,

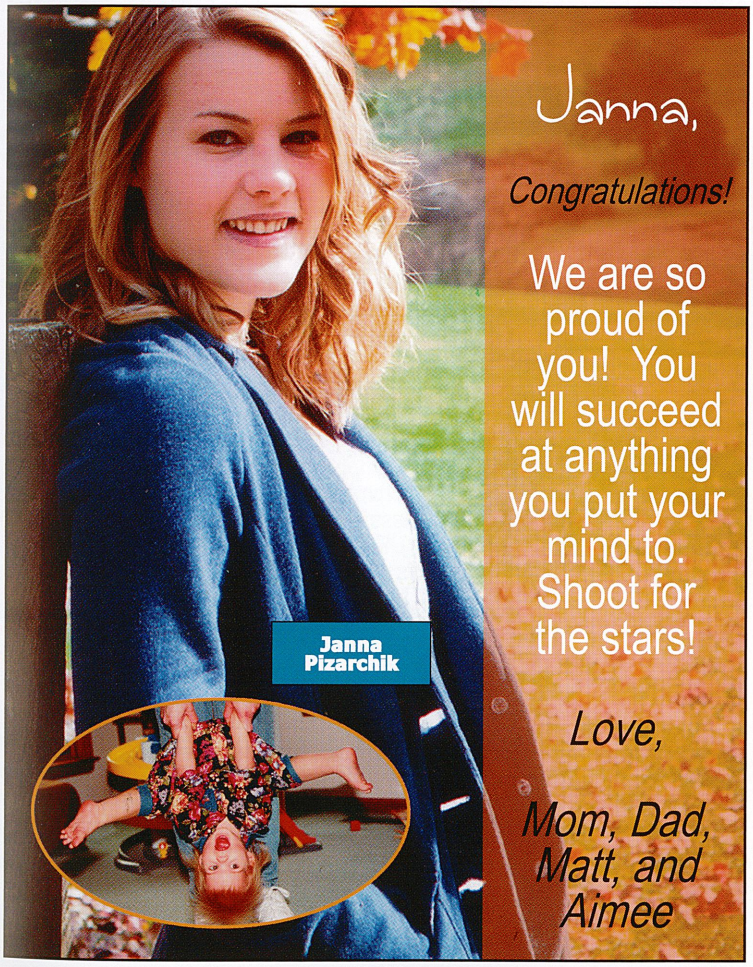
Mum, Daddy, Joey, Amy, Sissy, Mandi, Jake, and Good Ol' Grandma



Amber... Watching you grow and become the wonderful person you are has made us very proud. We know that in whatever you set your mind to do in the future, you will succeed.

Wishing you all the happiness you deserve.

Love... Mom, Dad, Amethyst, and Riley



Janna,

Congratulations!

We are so proud of you! You will succeed at anything you put your mind to. Shoot for the stars!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Matt, and Aimee

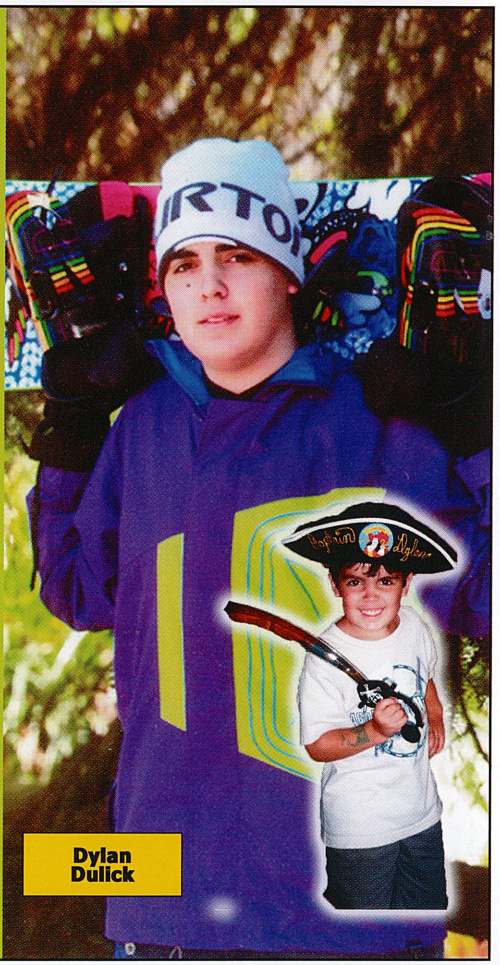
Dylan ~

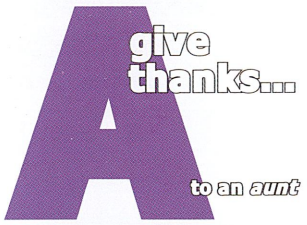
You have brought so much joy and laughter to our family as we have made many great memories together.

We are very proud of the young man that you have become, and for all of your accomplishments along the way. Your love of adventure and sense of humor are what define who you are, and now you are ready to start the next phase of your journey and show the world what you are capable of doing.

Follow your dreams. We can't wait to see where they lead you!!!

We Love You, Mom and Dad





"I would like to thank my Aunt Karen for participating and donating to all of those painful fundraisers throughout my high school career. I couldn't have done it without her."

Dan Antoniono

Anderson, Jason
Activities: NHS, Football, Basketball, Baseball
Awards or Honors: Football Dr. Samuel T. Ceraso Iron Man Award, Perfect Attendance
Future Plans: Undecided college for Mechanical Engineering.

most artistic

tatiana cloud/mike bair/darrah resnick

Antoniono, Daniel
Activities: Spanish Club, FBLA, NHS, Wellness Club, Cross Country, Basketball, Winter Track, Baseball, Track and Field, Math Team, Key Club
Awards or Honors: Rotary Youth Leadership Award, Lion's Club- Student of the Month, Trib. Total Media Outstanding Young Citizen Award, Perfect Attendance
Future Plans: To attend the University of Akron for Civil Engineering.

Armello, Frank
Activities: SADD Club, Football, Ski Club
Future Plans: To attend IUP for Business.

"Nick, thank you for always trying to be a parent with me and for having a slight influence on who I am. RJ, thanks for doing most of the chores and for playing a lot of Xbox."

Patrick Bouch

Ballas, Katie
Activities: Active for Animals (Treas.), SADD Club, Marching Band (Sect. Lead.), Wind Ensemble, 9th Grade Band
Future Plans: To attend Mercyhurst for Hospitality Management.

Bardine, Conner
Activities: French Club (Pres.), Active for Animals, SADD Club, NHS, Cross Country, Winter Track, Track and Field, Literary Magazine, Class Officer (Sr. Comm., Treas.), Anti-Bullying Club
Awards or Honors: Athletic Scholar Award
Future Plans: Undecided college for Neuroscience Chemistry.

Baxter, Alex
Activities: Spanish Club, Soccer, Engineering Club
Future Plans: To attend Slippery Rock University for Physical Therapy.

Baxter, Ryne
Activities: Spanish Club, Hockey (Capt.), Engineering Club
Future Plans: To attend RMU for Engineering.

Beatty, Laurel
Activities: Musical, Back Stage Crew, Academic Quiz Team, NHS, Marching Band (Drum Major), Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band A, Percussion Group, Tech Service Team, Engineering Club (Sec.), Senior Special (Best Instrumentalist)
Future Plans: Undecided college for Music Business/Technology and Engineering.

Bennett, Brianna
Activities: Chinese Club, Anime Club
Future Plans: Undecided.

Bittinger, Travis
Activities: NHS, Marching Band (Percussion Sect. Lead.), Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band B, Symphonic Band, Percussion Ensemble, Percussion Group (Principle Performer), Tech Service Team
Future Plans: To attend ITT Tech. for Computer Networking.

best tattoo

jayde burns/sydney greece

Blanck, Amber
Future Plans: To attend PSU for Radiology.

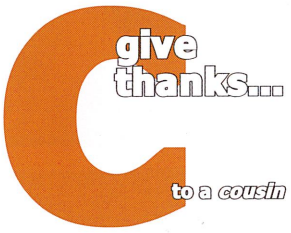
Bridge, Scott
Future Plans: Undecided.

Brigaman, Dominick
Activities: Anime Club, 9th Grade Choir, Yearbook Staff
Future Plans: To attend PTI for Graphics Design.

Brock, Andrew
Activities: Musical, NHS, Soccer, Wind Ensemble (Principle Chair), Jazz Band A (Lead Trumpet), Jazz Band B, Symphonic Band
Future Plans: To attend Pitt for Physician Assistant.

Burczyk, Christal
Activities: Back Stage Crew
Future Plans: To attend Douglas Education Center for Special Effects and Stage Make-Up.

Byers, Breanna
Activities: Back Stage Crew, Student Council, Concert Choir, Women's Choir
Future Plans: To attend IUP for Early Elementary Education and Special Education.



"I would like to thank my cousin Jesse Hackett-Becker for being there for me as a friend and a cousin. She is a great mother and inspires me to be a better person."

Alexa Cramer

Caperell, Cody
Activities: Tech Service Team
Future Plans: To attend Cal. U for Network Administration.

Carter, Ricardo
Activities: Football, Basketball, Track and Field
Future Plans: To attend Bethany College for Multi-Media.

Cavendish, Jacqueline
Activities: Academic Quiz Team (Treas.), Spanish Club, Bible Club, NHS (Pres.), Tennis (Capt.), Symphonic Band, Ski Club, Key Club (V.P.), Community Outreach (Sec.), Engineering Club, Class Officer (Sec.), Senior Special (Class Scholar)
Awards or Honors: Trib. Outstanding Young Citizen Nominee, PA Junior Academy of Science, Lions Club- Student of the Month
Future Plans: Undecided college for Chemistry.

Cecchi, Gina
Activities: NHS, Student Council, Cheerleading, Softball, 9th Grade Band, 9th Grade Choir, Library Aide, Key Club, WIRC, Cavalier Leadership Council
Awards or Honors: Trib. Total Media Outstanding Young Citizen
Future Plans: To attend Citizen's School of Nursing for Nursing.

vo-tech genius

abbey ausk/dave antal

Cernicky, Kyle
Activities: Musical, Spanish Club, Bible Club, SADD Club, NHS (Historian), Student Council, Tennis, Swimming/Diving, Track and Field, Show Choir, 9th Grade Choir, Women's Choir, Cavalier Choir, Ski Club, Office Worker, Yearbook Staff, Key Club, Community Outreach, Senior Special (Best Dressed)
Future Plans: To attend PSU for Graphic Design.

Cessna, Taylor
Future Plans: To become a Ferrier.

Chambers, Cody
Activities: Football, Golf, Ski Club
Future Plans: To attend Kent State for Architecture.

Clair, Stefan
Activities: Senior Special (Nicest Car)
Future Plans: To attend Slippery Rock University Undecided.

Clark, Rebecca
Activities: Musical, Spanish Club, SADD Club, NHS (Treas.), 9th Grade Choir, Cavalier Choir, Math Team, Key Club, Senior Special (Biggest Heart)
Awards or Honors: Perfect Attendance
Future Plans: Undecided college for Psychology and Biology.

Clifford, Josh
Activities: Hockey
Future Plans: To attend Slippery Rock University for Exercise Science.

Clinger, Andrew
Future Plans: To attend IUP for History and Pre-Law.

Collini, Livio
Activities: Track and Field
Awards or Honors: Perfect Attendance
Future Plans: Undecided.

Collins, Anna
Activities: Back Stage Crew, Bible Club, FBLA, Wellness Club, Soccer, 9th Grade Choir, Women's Choir, Ski Club, Office Worker, Key Club, WIRC
Future Plans: To attend Cedarville University for Business Management.

Cramer, Alexa
Activities: Spanish Club, NHS, Tennis, Wrestling (Man.), Key Club, Senior Special (Most Attractive), Homecoming Court
Future Plans: To attend Pitt for Biology.

Cramer, Brandi
Future Plans: Undecided.

Crookston, Matthew
Activities: SADD Club, Track and Field, Senior Special (Nicest Eyes)
Future Plans: To attend RMU for Marketing.

give thanks... to your dad

"I'd like to thank my dad for supporting my college decision, no matter how far away I decide to go. I'd also like to thank him for helping to calm my mom down."

Dylan Dulick

DeCarlo, Sean
Activities: FBLA, SADD Club, Red Ribbon Club, Wellness Club, Soccer, Tennis, Basketball
Future Plans: To attend RMU for Finance.

DeLuca, Darian
Future Plans: Undecided.

most humorous

jordan kiebler/kaylie ditts

DeLuce, Aaron
Future Plans: To become a Carpenter.

Deluisio, Cody
Activities: Hockey, Ski Club, Key Club
Future Plans: To attend Embry-Riddle University for Commercial Space Operation.

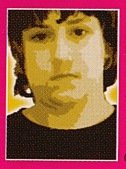
give props

to mom and/or dad for all they've done for you to this point...

"I have to say thank you so much to my mom, dad, and step-mom for all of their support in my school career so far, and, I am sure, for all the support in the future. I may be really good at procrastinating, but in the end, Mom always keeps me on track. Dad and Lonnie are always proud of my grades, and when they aren't as good as they could be, they are confident in my ability to do better. Thanks again; I couldn't have done it without all of you!"

Dean McCroskey [12]

stumbling blocks

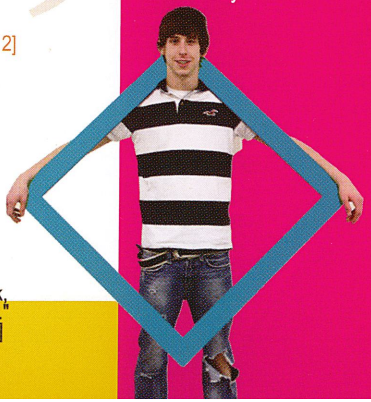


Ryan Ashbaugh [9]

The most difficult time in my life was putting up with my brother. I still put up with him. He and I are always fighting. Things were also bad in elementary school. I always had to sit with him on the bus; he would not let me talk to kids, and that made it hard for me to make friends. He would get upset and fight with me if I did not listen to him. As I got older, I started fighting back when he tried to start something. He barely has any control now. I'm still deciding if I want things to be fixed between us.

Lindsey Caldwell [9]

One day, I was all alone at my house. Suddenly I heard a noise! I thought someone was going to come in and kill me or kidnap me. I was so scared. I called my mom and acted like nothing was wrong. But, in case someone took me, I would be ready. I ran and hid under my bed. I grabbed a sharpened pencil and looked out, but then I realized that it was a windy day and the wind blew sticks and hit them into the house. Everything was good, and I didn't have anything to worry about anymore.



"This is a block, not a rock."
Rick Ashbaugh [11]

Dibas, Christina
Activities: French Club, FBLA (Treas.), Student Store (Treas.)
Awards or Honors: Seton Hill University Women in Science Award for Mathematics
Future Plans: To attend Pitt for Accounting.

Dickun, Andrew
Activities: SADD Club, Winter Track, Track and Field, 9th Grade Choir, Cavalier Choir
Future Plans: To attend UPMC Shadyside for Nursing.

Dongiovanni, Anthony
Future Plans: Undecided college for Criminal Law.

Douglas (Haines), Luke
Activities: SADD Club, Soccer, Track and Field
Future Plans: Undecided.

Drobka, Austin
Activities: Hockey
Future Plans: To attend WCCC for Radiology Technician.

Dulick, Dylan
Activities: Musical, Back Stage Crew, Academic Quiz Team, Spanish Club, Tennis, Show Choir, 9th Grade Choir, Jazz Choir, Cavalier Choir, Ski Club, Math Team, Mock Trial, Good Morning Kiski, Senior Special (Most Opinionated)
Future Plans: To attend Colorado State University for Bioengineering.

Dunnivan, Katherine
Activities: Active for Animals, Softball, Marching Band, Colorguard, Wind Ensemble, 9th Grade Band, Symphonic Band, Percussion Ensemble, Percussion Group (Principle Performer), Key Club
Future Plans: To attend Bethany College for Chemistry and Criminal Justice.

give thanks... to an *elementary teacher*

"I'd like to thank my second and third grade teacher Mrs. Ervin for playing such a large part in the lives of my family and me. You have been a great friend and an even greater teacher."
Katie Erwin

Eder, Tyler
Activities: Football
Future Plans: To become a Welder.

Emanuelson, Matthew
Activities: Musical, NHS, Marching Band (Sax. Sect. Lead.), Wind Ensemble (Principle Bassoon), Jazz Band B, 9th Grade Choir, Jazz Choir, Cavalier Choir, Drama Club (Sec.), Key Club, Senior Special (Best Instrumentalist)
Awards or Honors: Perfect Attendance, PMEA All-State Concert Band, PMEA All-State Orchestra, NAFME All-Eastern Honors Band
Future Plans: Undecided college for Music Education.

sweetest ride

stefan clair

Emmerson, Lacey
Activities: Musical, Play, Back Stage Crew, SADD Club, Student Council (Treas.), Basketball, Show Choir, 9th Grade Choir, Women's Choir, Cavalier Choir, Tech Service Team, Drama Club (Treas.), Community Outreach
Future Plans: To attend IUP, Undecided.

Erwin, Kaitlyn
Activities: Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, 9th Grade Band, Symphonic Band, Percussion Ensemble (Principle Performer), Percussion Group (Principle Performer), Drama Club
Awards or Honors: Perfect Attendance
Future Plans: To attend Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine for Dental Hygiene.

Eshenbaugh, Elijah
Activities: Basketball, Mock Trial
Future Plans: To attend Penn State New Kensington Undecided.

Evans, Donivel
Activities: Football, Winter Track, Track and Field (Capt.)
Future Plans: To attend Slippery Rock University Undecided.

give thanks... to your *father*

"I would like to thank my father for always being there for me whether it was helping me with school or pushing me with sports. Without him, I wouldn't have learned so many life lessons."
Zach Fitzsimmons

Fanning, Jack
Future Plans: Undecided college for Accounting.

Festa, Jade
Activities: Musical, Play, Back Stage Crew, SADD Club, Track and Field, Show Choir, 9th Grade Choir, Women's Choir, Cavalier Choir, Drama Club, Youth Leadership Network, WIRC
Future Plans: To attend RMU for Communications, Theater, and Psychology.

Fitzsimmons, Zachary
Activities: Football, Winter Track, Track and Field
Future Plans: Undecided.

give thanks... to your *grandfather*

"Thank you, Grandpa, for fighting for our country. You deserved your purple heart and gave me the freedoms that I have today."
Troy Glendenning

Gentile, Hannah
Activities: Active for Animals, SADD Club, Student Council, Cheerleading, Track and Field, 9th Grade Choir, Concert Choir, Women's Choir, Buddies, Key Club, Life Skills YB
Future Plans: To attend IUP for Elementary Education and Special Education.

Gibson, Theresa
Activities: Musical, FBLA, NHS, Student Council (V.P.), Golf (Capt.), Track and Field, Show Choir (Dance Capt.), 9th Grade Choir, Women's Choir, Cavalier Choir, Yearbook Staff, Key Club
Awards or Honors: First Student Liaison on the School Board at Kiski
Future Plans: To attend RMU for Hospitality and Tourism.

Gibson, Louisa
Activities: FBLA, NHS, Student Council (Pres./ Treas.) Golf, Track and Field, Show Choir, 9th Grade Choir, Women's Choir, Key Club
Future Plans: To attend St. Vincent for Business.

best dressed

zach ferraccio/kyle cernicky/doug donatelli

Gift, Danetta
Activities: SADD Club, Student Council, Basketball, Softball, 9th Grade Band, Symphonic Band
Future Plans: Undecided for History and Intercultural Studies.

Glendenning, Troy
Activities: Baseball, Buddies, Senior Special (Most Caffeinated)
Awards or Honors: Baseball Scholarship
Future Plans: To attend Pitt Bradford, Undecided.

Gray, Breanne
Activities: Anime Club, Mock Trial
Future Plans: Undecided for Psychology.

Greece, Sydney
Activities: Musical, Active for Animals, SADD Club (Exec. Comm.), Red Ribbon Club, Cheerleading, Winter Track, Softball (MVP), 9th Grade Choir, Women's Choir, Class Officer (Sr. Comm.), Senior Special (Best Tattoo)
Future Plans: To attend Carlow University for Nursing.

Gregory, Tiffani
Activities: Active for Animals, Bible Club, SADD Club, Colorguard, Winterguard, 9th Grade Band, 9th Grade Choir, Women's Choir, Cavalier Choir, Youth Leadership Network
Future Plans: To attend WCCC, Undecided.

Guzolik, Hannah
Activities: Back Stage Crew, Academic Quiz Team, Spanish Club (Sec.), NHS, 9th Grade Band, Symphonic Band, Key Club (V.P., Sec.), Student Store, Class Officer (V.P., Treas., Sr. Comm.)
Awards or Honors: Perfect Attendance, Lions Club- Student of the Month, Challenge Award for Academics
Future Plans: Undecided for Biochemistry.

give thanks... to your homeroom teacher

"Thank you, Dan Jack and Momma J, for putting up with all the chaos and craziness of the GMK staff in the mornings. You two really are the bomb-diggity and I'll miss you so much."

Kaylee Hansberry

Hansberry, Kaylee
Activities: Musical, Play, Back Stage Crew, SADD Club, NHS, Show Choir (Dance Capt.), 9th Grade Choir, Women's Choir, Cavalier Choir, Good Morning Kiski, Tech Service Team, Drama Club (Treas., Pres.), Key Club (Treas., Pres.), Community Outreach, Senior Special (Bound for Fame)
Future Plans: To attend Seton Hill for Musical Theater and Business.

Heater, Ashley
Activities: Spanish Club (V.P.), SADD Club, NHS (Sec.), Wrestling (Man.), Key Club
Future Plans: To attend Pitt for Nursing.

Herstek, Jocelin
Activities: Student Council (V.P.), Baseball (Man.), Marching Band, Colorguard, Winterguard, Yearbook Staff (Editor-in-Chief), Key Club, WIRC
Awards or Honors: Imagine America Foundation Scholarship
Future Plans: To attend the Art Institute of Pittsburgh for Graphic Design (BA).

class couple

jake wilson/hannah milheim

Hessom, Jordan
Activities: Wellness Club, Football, Basketball, Track and Field, Math Team, Key Club
Future Plans: To attend RMU for Mechanical Engineering.

Hohman, Hannah
Activities: Back Stage Crew, Marching Band (Trump. Sect. Lead.), Wind Ensemble, 9th Grade Band, Jazz Band A, Jazz Band B, Yearbook Staff
Future Plans: To attend Slippery Rock University, Undecided.

Hollinger, Rachel
Activities: Back Stage Crew, SADD Club, NHS, Soccer, Marching Band, 9th Grade Band, Symphonic Band
Future Plans: To attend St. Vincent for Graphic Design and Art Administration.

Hopkins, Abigail
Activities: Back Stage Crew, Spanish Club, WIRC
Future Plans: To attend Slippery Rock University for Environmental Science.

Hutchinson, Jesse
Activities: Football (Man.), Youth Leadership Network
Awards or Honors: Honorary Captain of the Football Team on Senior Night
Future Plans: Undecided.

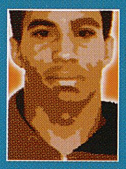
give props

to mom and/or dad for all they've done for you to this point...

To my mother... Audra Lewis. Thank you for everything and all the times we have spent together throughout the 18 years. Since I was born, you have always loved me and took excellent care of me to raise me to be the man that I am today. Even though we've had some arguments in the past, we've been able to forgive each other and put those behind us to move on. I love you very much, mom, and I thank you for all you have done to raised me.

Tyler Lewis [12]

stumbling blocks



Lindah Clayton [9]

I felt blocked in my life when I couldn't memorize the numbers in French class. It seemed like everyone else was just passing me by, and I was stuck there. I hate studying with a passion, but it was that or having to get help from someone. My Mom helped me out with the problem and started making me flash cards. After a while, I learned all the numbers and everything was back to normal. I am so glad that my Mom helped me out because my grades would be terrible right now.

Matt Hubert [11]

The most difficult period in my life started April 14, 2012. That night, at around 11:30 PM, my friend Tyler Rogers and I were involved in a very serious car wreck. We slipped around a bend going 60 mph and hit head-on into a tree. We both weren't wearing seat belts, and in a second, I saw my life flash right in front of me. I suffered from a fractured knee-cap, a contusion on my femur, a torn meniscus, and had to have 46 stitches in my face. I lost about 40% of my blood. Words cannot describe how happy I am to be alive.

"You're blocking my view. :)"
Regan Wallace [10]

J give thanks... to a *joking friend*

"Thanks, WIlson, for always lightening my mood when I'm down. There is no other person who can always change my emotions to laughter."

Ross Jubic

Jackson, Anthony
Activities: Hockey
Future Plans: Undecided.

Jankowski, Julianna
Activities: Spanish Club, NHS, Student Council, Volleyball, Swimming/Diving, Key Club
Future Plans: To attend Slippery Rock University for Exer. Science/Pre-Phys. Therapy.

Johnston, Kayla
Activities: Marching Band, 9th Grade Band, Symphonic Band, Youth Leadership Network (Pres.)
Future Plans: To attend WCCC for Nursing.

K give thanks... to your *kid brother*

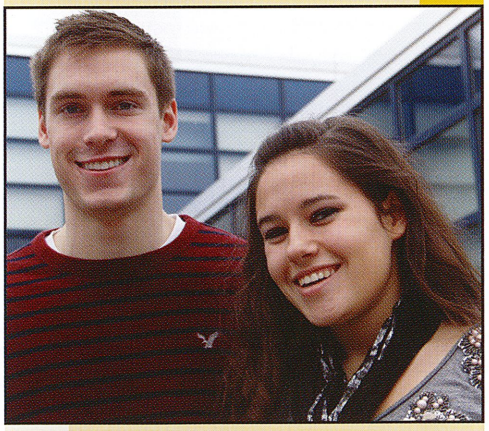
"I'm thankful for my kid brother Matthew. Although he is only a few hours younger, I am glad that he was always there for me. We always had each other's backs when we were little and I'm greatly thankful."

Aleks Krachanko

Kerlin, Jacob
Activities: Soccer, Track and Field
Future Plans: To attend Penn State New Kensington, Undecided.

Kiebler, Jordan
Activities: Spanish Club, SADD Club, Golf (Capt.), Basketball, Good Morning Kiski, Senior Special (Best Sense of Humor), Cavalier Leadership Council
Future Plans: To attend Pitt for Marketing.

nicest smile



brad ziegler/jessi showalter

Kish, Marisa
Activities: Active for Animals, SADD Club, NHS, Tennis, Winter Track, Track and Field, 9th Grade Choir, Women's Choir, Cavalier Choir, Ski Club, Key Club
Future Plans: To attend Slippery Rock University for Middle Level Education in Mathematics.

Kohler, Patricia
Activities: Colorguard (Capt.), Winterguard (Capt.)
Future Plans: To attend Slippery Rock University for Physical Therapy and Dance.

Korchok, Alayna
Activities: Back Stage Crew, Active for Animals, Marching Band (Sect. Lead.), Colorguard, Wind Ensemble, 9th Grade Band, Percussion Ensemble (Principle Performer), Percussion Group, Tech Service Team (V.P., Treas.)
Future Plans: To attend Pitt for Engineering.

Krachanko, Alexander
Activities: Musical, Marching Band (Sect. Lead.), Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band A, Percussion Group (Principle Performer), Tech Service Team
Future Plans: To attend IUP for MIS.

Krachanko, Matthew
Activities: Musical, Tennis, Marching Band (Sect. Lead.), Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band A, Percussion Group, Math Team, Tech Service Team
Awards or Honors: National Catholic Youth Choir Member, Bands of America Honor Band
Future Plans: To attend Duquesne University for Music Education and Performance.

Krull, Corey
Future Plans: Undecided.

L give thanks... to your *little brother/sister*

"Thank you for always being there when I need you. I know we fight, but I will always have your back. You da best."

Lea Long

Laero, Sadie
Activities: Cheerleading (Capt.), Winter Track, Track and Field, 9th Grade Choir, Concert Choir, Women's Choir, Cavalier Choir, Homecoming Court
Future Plans: To attend WCCC for Office Administration.

Landowski, Cole
Activities: NHS, Student Council, Football, Wrestling (Capt.), Buddies, Key Club
Future Plans: To attend UPJ for Biology.

Lantelme, Ellen
Awards or Honors: Perfect Attendance
Future Plans: To attend Newport Business Institute for Medical Management.

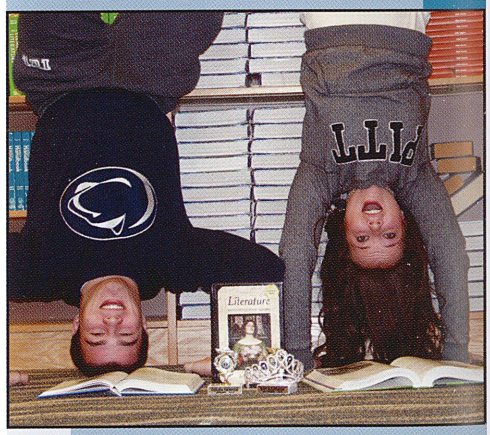
best friends

janessa young/stephanie sikora

Lapiana, Nicholas
Activities: Winter Track, Track and Field, Environmental Club
Future Plans: To enter the Army.

Law, Charles
Activities: Academic Quiz Team (Capt. MVP), Spanish Club, NHS, Student Council, Tennis (Capt., MVP), Math Team, Key Club (Sec.), Class Officer (Sec., V.P., Sr. Comm.), Senior Special (Class Scholar)
Awards or Honors: National Merit Finalist, Lions Club- Student of the Month, Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Sciences, ROOTS Athletic Award, Challenge Program Academic Excellence
Future Plans: Undecided college for Physics.

best all around



matt mccutcheon/chelsea thompson

Lawecki, Cameron
Activities: Back Stage Crew, SADD Club, Red Ribbon Club
Awards or Honors: Perfect Attendance
Future Plans: Undecided.

Lawhorn, Myaunna
Activities: Active for Animals, Track and Field, Marching Band, Colorguard, Winterguard, 9th Grade Band, Symphonic Band
Future Plans: To attend Clarion University undecided

Leasure, Morgan
Activities: French Club, Active for Animals, SADD Club, Cheerleading, 9th Grade Choir, Buddies, Key Club, Life Skills YB
Future Plans: To attend Penn State New Kensington for Medical Imaging.

Leiser, Madison
Activities: Spanish Club, Active for Animals (Communications Officer), NHS, 9th Grade Band, Symphonic Band (Principle Performer), Percussion Ensemble, Percussion Group, Buddies
Future Plans: To attend PSU, Undecided.

Lewis, Jessica
Activities: Musical (Stage Man.), Play, Back Stage Crew, SADD Club, NHS (V.P.), Student Council, Wellness Club, Soccer, Basketball, Ski Club, Yearbook Staff, Key Club (Web Master), WIRC, Community Outreach, Engineering Club (Treas.)
Future Plans: To attend Pitt Greensburg for Engineering.

Lewis, Tyler
Activities: Marching Band, 9th Grade Band, Symphonic Band, Percussion Ensemble, Percussion Group (Sect. Lead.), Yearbook Staff
Awards or Honors: Perfect Attendance
Future Plans: To attend La Roche College, Undecided.

Linnert, Alexander
Activities: Football, Track and Field, Ski Club
Future Plans: Undecided college for Business.

Lockhart, Caitlyn
Activities: Bible Club, SADD Club, Concert Choir, Women's Choir, Community Outreach
Future Plans: To attend WCCC for Early Childhood Development.

Long, Lea
Activities: Musical, Spanish Club, SADD Club, Cheerleading, Show Choir, 9th Grade Choir, Cavalier Choir, Good Morning Kiski, Key Club, Senior Special (Best Vocalist), Homecoming Court
Future Plans: Undecided college for Business.

Magness, Christina
Activities: Red Ribbon Club, Senior Special (Nicest Eyes)
Future Plans: To attend WCCC for Business Management.

Majersky, Megan
Activities: Bible Club, FBLA, SADD Club (Exec. Comm.), NHS, Basketball, Winter Track, Track and Field, 9th Grade Choir, Women's Choir
Future Plans: To attend Kent State University for Marketing.

celeb lookalike

chelsea thompson/jeannette mccurdy

Mangus, Brandon
Activities: Football, Ski Club
Future Plans: To attend WYO Tech for Diesel Mechanics.

Matesic, Stephanie
Activities: Spanish Club (Pres.), SADD Club, NHS, Volleyball (Man.), Office Worker, Key Club
Awards or Honors: Perfect Attendance
Future Plans: To attend Duquesne University for Pharmacy.

McAdoo, Shannon
Activities: Active for Animals (V.P.), Volleyball, Softball, 9th Grade Band, Symphonic Band, Ski Club
Awards or Honors: Perfect Attendance
Future Plans: To attend Pitt for Genetics.

McClarnon, Jacob
Activities: Football, Wrestling, Jazz Band B, Buddies
Future Plans: Undecided.

McCroskey, Dean
Future Plans: To attend Geneva College for History and Secondary Education.

McCullough, Marissa
Activities: Spanish Club, Cross Country, Winter Track, Track and Field, Softball
Awards or Honors: Perfect Attendance
Future Plans: To attend Pitt for Forensics.

give thanks... to your mom

"Thank you for supporting me in everything that I do and for being such a loving mother. I appreciate everything that you do for me, which I know is a lot. I love you, Mom."

Mitchell Murdock

give props

to mom and/or dad for all they've done for you to this point...

Dear Mommy and Daddy... I just want to thank you. Nothing would ever be possible without you guys. I know I've put you through a lot, but you two have stood beside me through everything . You guys have encouraged me to pursue all my goals, and without your support, I don't know where I'd be. 80 or 90 words will never be enough to thank you or explain how much you two mean to me. I love you to pieces, and I hope that I'll always make you proud.

Jocelin Herstek [12]

stumbling blocks

Matt Cline [10]

Yesterday, I had a bad day because at first, I left my book bag at Vo-tech and people messed with all my stuff. I lost my English book and my math book. I had homework due the next day and I lost it all and lost all the points for that day. Now, in math class, I have a 78 and my mom is going to be really mad at me because of how low it is. So, I got grounded because I lost all of my books. I got them back the next day because I found the person who took them.

Katie Clever [12]

The most difficult time in my life was when I lost my pap in 2011. He had a brain tumor and lung cancer. He was diagnosed and then, a week later, he was gone. He went from being my pap that drank Coors Light every day to not being able to talk in a matter of a week. I still can't believe that a man who had so much life in him ended up like he did. The hardest part was seeing my father cry every day. That's something you don't forget. Although it was hard, it made me stronger.

"I remember playing with building blocks when I was little."
Nick Mascolo [9]

McCutcheon, Matthew
Activities: NHS, Football, Wrestling, Baseball, Buddies, Key Club, Class Officer (Pres.), Senior Special (Best All Around, Best Friends), Cavalier Leadership Council (Pres.)
Awards or Honors: Student of the Month, PA State Wrestling Champion (195)
Future Plans: To attend PSU for Kinesiology.

McKeever, Gregory
Activities: Football, Track and Field, Ski Club
Awards or Honors: Football Alumni Student Athlete Scholarship
Future Plans: To attend UPMC St. Margaret for Nursing.

nicest hair

dan moran/lyndsey weiser

McWilliams, Kelly
Activities: Musical, Active for Animals, Bible Club, NHS, Marching Band (Sect. Lead.), Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Percussion Ensemble, Percussion Group, Tech Service Team, Engineering Club
Future Plans: To attend IUP for Management Information Systems.

Milheim, Hannah
Activities: Musical (Dance Capt.), Spanish Club, NHS, Wellness Club, Soccer (MVP), Winter Track, Track and Field, Show Choir, 9th Grade Choir, Women's Choir, Jazz Choir, Cavalier Choir, Office Worker, Yearbook Staff (Business), Key Club (Treas.), Community Outreach, Senior Special (Class Couple)
Awards or Honors: Perfect Attendance
Future Plans: To attend IUP for Speech and Language Pathology.

Muffie, Dara
Activities: French Club, Swimming/Diving, Track and Field
Future Plans: Undecided.

Murdock, Mitchell
Activities: Spanish Club, NHS, Student Council, Golf, Basketball (Capt.), Key Club, Senior Special (Biggest Heart)
Future Plans: To attend RMU for Software Development.

Murray, Paul
Activities: Musical, Spanish Club, Bible Club (Exec. Comm.), NHS, Tennis, Marching Band (Sect. Lead.), Wind Ensemble, 9th Grade Band, Jazz Band A, Jazz Band B, 9th Grade Choir, Math Team, Tech Service Team, Engineering Club (V.P.), Class Officer (Exec. Comm.)
Awards or Honors: Lion's Club- Student of the Month, Highest Scoring Grade at IUP Math Competition, Math Team Award of Excellence, Perfect Attendance, Region Band
Future Plans: Undecided.

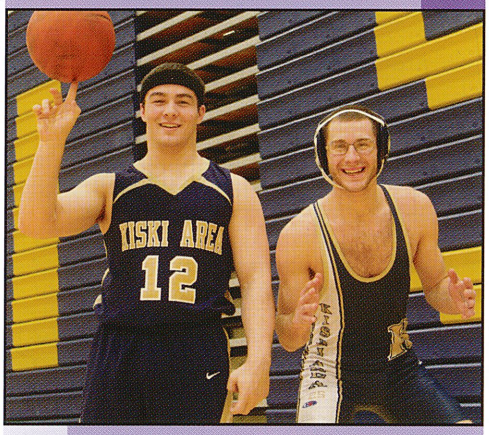
N give thanks... to a *neighbor*

"Thanks for all the cool block parties that we had every summer. They always made the neighborhood come together for some fun."

Luke Nelson

Naughton, Levi
Activities: Basketball, Baseball, Buddies
Future Plans: Undecided.

best friends



matt mccutcheon/nickolas stone

Neumann, Hannah
Activities: Academic Quiz Team (Treas.), Spanish Club, FBLA (V.P., Sec.), NHS, Cross Country (Capt.), Wind Ensemble, Office Worker, Library Aide, Drama Club, Buddies, WIRC
Awards or Honors: Outstanding Young Citizen Gold Medal Winner, Women in Science Award, Lion's Club-Inter. Student of the Month
Future Plans: To attend Slippery Rock University for Parks and Recreation.

O give thanks... to an *older sister*

"I would like to thank my sister for being a positive influence in my life. She has given me advice on what to do for my future and got me excited and ready for college."

Kaytee Oliver

Oliver, Katlynn
Activities: Musical, SADD Club, Cheerleading (Capt.), Show Choir, 9th Grade Choir, Women's Choir, Cavalier Choir, Good Morning Kiski, Key Club, Senior Special (Most School Spirit)
Future Plans: To attend Duquesne University for Public Relations and Advertising.

Orr, Morgan
Activities: SADD Club, NHS, Tennis, Softball, 9th Grade Band, Ski Club (Treas.), Environmental Club, Library Aide, Key Club
Future Plans: To attend Carlow University for Nursing.

P give thanks... to a *pet*

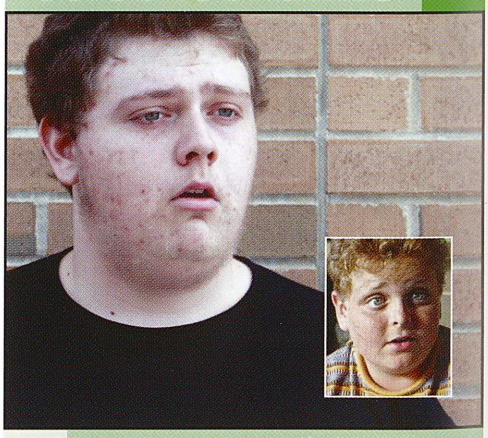
"I'd like to thank my hermit crab for always being there; he's such a good listener. I'd also like to thank my puppy for waking me in the middle of the night; I never get to sleep in anymore. Thanks, guys."

Ellie Petro

Parker, Lauren
Activities: Bible Club, SADD Club, Concert Choir, Women's Choir, Library Aide, Youth Leadership Network, Community Outreach
Future Plans: Undecided college for Speech Therapy.

Paullet, Megan
Activities: Musical, Back Stage Crew, Spanish Club, Bible Club, SADD Club, NHS, Swimming/Diving (Capt.), Marching Band, Wind Ensemble (Principle Chair), 9th Grade Band, Jazz Band A, Jazz Band B, 9th Grade Choir, Jazz Choir, Cavalier Choir, Drama Club, Community Outreach
Awards or Honors: Swimming Rookie of the Year, Swimming Hardest Worker, Swimming WPIAL Qualifier, Spotlight Athlete of the Week, Swimming 200 Medley and 200 Free Relay Record Holder
Future Plans: To attend St. Vincent College for Early Childhood and Special Education.

celeb lookalike



kevin stewart/patrick renna

Paunovich, Thad
Activities: NHS, Wellness Club, Golf, Tennis (Capt.), Volleyball, Basketball, 9th Grade Choir, Cavalier Choir, Buddies, Key Club, Senior Special (Most Athletic)
Awards or Honors: First Team All-Section for Volleyball
Future Plans: Undecided college for Education.

class scholars

jackie cavendish/charles law

Pearce, Nicole
Activities: Play, Spanish Club, Bible Club, Winter Track, Track and Field, Office Worker, Drama Club, Yearbook Staff, Community Outreach
Future Plans: Undecided college for English.

Pityk, Madison
Activities: Tennis, Basketball, Softball, Environmental Club, Library Aide, Key Club
Future Plans: To attend IUP for Nuclear Medicine Technology.

Pizarchik, Janna
Activities: Musical, Spanish Club, SADD Club, NHS, Student Council, 9th Grade Choir, Women's Choir, Cavalier Choir, Community Outreach
Awards or Honors: Perfect Attendance
Future Plans: To attend Gannon University for Occupational Therapy.

Prager, Elizabeth
Activities: Active for Animals (Pres.), Swimming/Diving, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band A, Office Worker
Future Plans: Undecided college for Biomedical Engineering.

Price, Ciaira
Activities: Spanish Club, SADD Club, Red Ribbon Club, NHS, Volleyball, 9th Grade Choir, Women's Choir, Cavalier Choir, Good Morning Kiski, Engineering Club, Senior Special (Most Caffeinated)
Awards or Honors: Players Player Volleyball Award
Future Plans: To attend Pitt Greensburg for Pre-Engineering.

give thanks... to a role model

"I'd like to thank Alton Brown for inspiring me and always keeping me entertained. You are a great person. Thanks."

Marie Rottschaefer

Ragan, Timothy
Activities: Academic Quiz Team, Chinese Club, FBLA (Pres., Sec.), NHS, Football, Tennis, 9th Grade Choir, Mock Trial
Awards or Honors: Penn State New Kensington Leadership Essay Winner, FBLA 1st in Public Speaking, FBLA 2nd in Public Speaking
Future Plans: To attend Pitt for Political Science/Pre-Law.

best instrumentalist

matt emanuelson/laurel beatty

Resnick, Darrah
Activities: Musical, Active for Animals, SADD Club, NHS, Student Council, Office Worker, Envirothon, Drama Club, Key Club, Senior Special (Most Artistic)
Future Plans: To attend Seton Hill for Studio Arts and Marketing/Management.

Richardson, Danielle
Activities: SADD Club (V.P.), Red Ribbon Club, Good Morning Kiski
Future Plans: To attend Penn State New Kensington for Communications.

Riggle, Matthew
Activities: Wrestling, Baseball, 9th Grade Choir, Concert Choir
Future Plans: To become a Rescue Swimmer/Diver for the Coast Guard.

Robison, Adam
Activities: Back Stage Crew, French Club, Golf (MVP, Capt.), Tennis, Basketball (Capt.), Senior Special (Most School Spirit)
Awards or Honors: Perfect Attendance
Future Plans: To attend Marietta for Petroleum Engineering.

give props

to mom and/or dad for all they've done for you to this point...

There are no words to describe how thankful we are for everything you've done for us. We've been through hard times, but we've always stuck together as a family. We've made so many memories already that we will both cherish for the rest of our lives. We feel so confident going out into the world starting a new journey with all of the lessons you have taught us. Thank you for always encouraging us to follow our dreams and supporting us in everything we do. We love you so much.
AML

T & L Gibson [12]

stumbling blocks

Ryan Hall [11]

Not too long ago this year, I was trying to jump over a fence without touching it. My friends wanted me to try, hoping that I would fail. Well, I went to jump and I slipped and fell; my chin hit the bottom of the fence. It was an embarrassing moment because four of my friends were laughing at me. It was a bad experience because on top of being hurt, my friends would not let me live it down. I suppose it's just one of those things that will follow me around for the rest of my life.

Brandon Jackson [11]

The most difficult time in my life was when my youngest step-brother died from leukemia. He died over the summer in June. He was 10 years old. He relapsed twice in three years. The doctors said that there was nothing else they could do for him. He spent about a week in the PICU, and then we decided to take him home. They brought a hospital bed for him and put it in our living room. We got him a cat because he always wanted one. On June 28th, he left this world.

"You know what else is covered in blue and in a shape of a block...my MOOOM."
Joe Young [10]

Rogers, Brandon
Activities: Football, Baseball
Future Plans: To attend Penn State New Kensington for Civil Engineering.

Rojesky, Blake
Activities: Math Team
Future Plans: Undecided.

Roman, Dallas
Activities: Cheerleading
Awards or Honors: Perfect Attendance
Future Plans: To attend Vet Tech Institute to become a Vet Technician.

Romano, Carly
Activities: French Club, Active for Animals, Volleyball, Basketball, 9th Grade Choir, Women's Choir, Cavalier Choir
Awards or Honors: Westmoreland County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Award
Future Plans: Undecided.

Rudacille, Katlyn
Activities: Bible Club, SADD Club, Student Council, Cross Country, Concert Choir, Women's Choir, Office Worker
Awards or Honors: Perfect Attendance
Future Plans: Undecided college for Business and Graphic Design.

Rueffle, Meagan
Activities: Musical, 9th Grade Choir, Women's Choir, Jazz Choir, Cavalier Choir, Office Worker
Future Plans: To attend UPJ for Biology.

Rumon, Daniel
Activities: 9th Grade Choir
Future Plans: To attend Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics for Aviation Electronics.

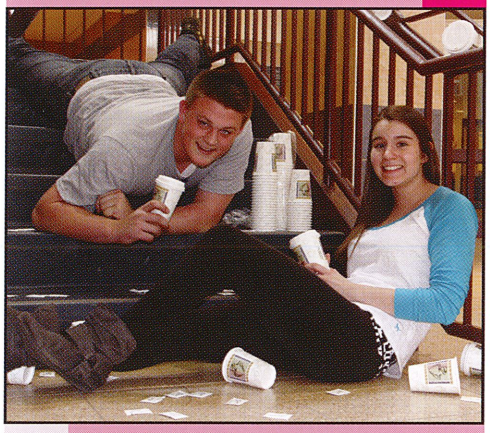
Salego, Kayla
Activities: Active for Animals, Soccer, 9th Grade Band, Symphonic Band, Ski Club, Environmental Club
Future Plans: To attend Penn State New Kensington for Elementary Education.

Satterfield, Alexis
Activities: Spanish Club, SADD Club, NHS, Student Council, Tennis, Swimming/Diving, Yearbook Staff, Key Club
Future Plans: To attend Seton Hill for Actuary Science and Computer Science.

Scanga, Annalise
Activities: Spanish Club, SADD Club, NHS, Student Council, Volleyball, 9th Grade Choir
Awards or Honors: Perfect Attendance
Future Plans: To attend Pitt, Undecided.

Seagriff, Jacob
Activities: French Club, Football, Track
Future Plans: Undecided college for Secondary Education.

most caffeinated



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Sebak, Rachel
Activities: Tennis, Winter Track, Track and Field, 9th Grade Choir, Women's Choir, Cavalier Choir
Awards or Honors: Perfect Attendance
Future Plans: To attend PSU for Radiological Science.

Shannon, John
Activities: Hockey, Track and Field
Future Plans: To attend IUP for Accounting.

Sharek, Nicholas
Activities: Football (Capt., MVP), Baseball
Future Plans: Undecided college for Criminal Justice or Nursing.

Shirey, Ashlee
Activities: Marching Band (Clarinet Sect. Lead.), Wind Ensemble, 9th Grade Band, Key Club
Future Plans: To attend IUP for Pediatric Nurse Practitioner.

Shirey, Samantha
Activities: Active for Animals, SADD Club, Red Ribbon Club, Cheerleading, 9th Grade Choir, Concert Choir, Women's Choir, Buddies
Future Plans: To attend Clarion for Special Education and Child Psychology.

Showalter, Jessi
Activities: French Club, Active for Animals, Marching Band (Sax. Sect. Lead.), Winterguard, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band B, Symphonic Band, Senior Special (Nicest Smile)
Future Plans: Undecided college for Nursing.

Sikora, Stephanie
Activities: FBLA, SADD Club (Exec. Comm.), NHS, Soccer (Capt., MVP, All Section), Ski Club, Key Club, Senior Special (Best Friends), Homecoming Court
Future Plans: To attend Clarion for Biochemistry.

Sipe, William
Activities: Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Percussion Ensemble, Youth Lead. Network
Future Plans: To become an Automotive Technician.

Smith, Brandi
Activities: SADD Club (V.P., Pres.), Red Ribbon Club, Cheerleading (Capt.), Winter Track, Track and Field, Office Worker, WIRC, Com. Outreach
Future Plans: To attend Slippery Rock University for Pre-K-4 Education.

Stascak, Justin
Activities: NHS, Wellness Club, Cross Country, Basketball, Baseball, Key Club
Future Plans: Undecided college for Biology/ Environmental Science.

Stewart, Christopher
Activities: 9th Grade Choir
Awards or Honors: Perfect Attendance
Future Plans: Undecided.

Stewart, Gretchen
Activities: Active for Animals, SADD Club, NHS, Student Council, Golf, Tennis, 9th Grade Choir, Women's Choir, Key Club
Future Plans: To attend IUP for Nursing.

best vocalist

lea long/shawn mcgowan

Stewart, Tiffany
Activities: Softball, Trainers
Future Plans: To attend Penn State New Kensington for Radiology.

Stitt, Joseph
Activities: Football
Future Plans: To attend CCAC for Auto Repair.

Stolarski, Tara
Activities: Spanish Club, NHS, Student Council, Soccer (Stat.), Basketball (Capt.), Good Morning Kiski, Key Club
Awards or Honors: Outstanding Young Citizen Award, Student of the Month Award, AIU Apprenticeship in International Business
Future Plans: To attend PSU for Finance and International Business.

S give thanks... to a sister

"I'd like to give a shout out to my wonderful sister Stacey for making my senior year awesome and making great soccer memories with me. I'm glad we get along so well."

Stephanie Sikora

Stone, Nickolas
Activities: SADD Club, Red Ribbon Club, NHS, Football, Golf, Basketball, Key Club, Senior Special (Best Friends), Cavalier Leadership Council
Awards or Honors: Outstanding Young Citizen, Terrific Ten Alle-Kiski Basketball Team
Future Plans: To attend W&J for Accounting.

Stover, Dustin
Future Plans: To attend Tech School for Specialty Welding.

Strickengloss, Sarah
Activities: Active for Animals, Tennis, Softball, Environmental Club, Tech Service Team, Key Club, WIRC
Future Plans: To attend Clarion for Speech Pathology.

Stroup, Savannah
Activities: Cheerleading, Office Worker, Environmental Club, Anti-Bullying Club (Treas.)
Future Plans: To attend WCCC for Child Development.

Swiklinski, Heather
Activities: Tennis, Winter Track, Track and Field, 9th Grade Choir, Women's Choir
Future Plans: To attend WCCC for Physical Therapy.

T give thanks... to a teacher

"Thank you Mrs. Schaeffer for talking me into taking AP Calculus, the hardest class ever. Also, thanks for putting me at the same table as Austin Feydt; I actually like him now."

Cassie Thompson

most athletic

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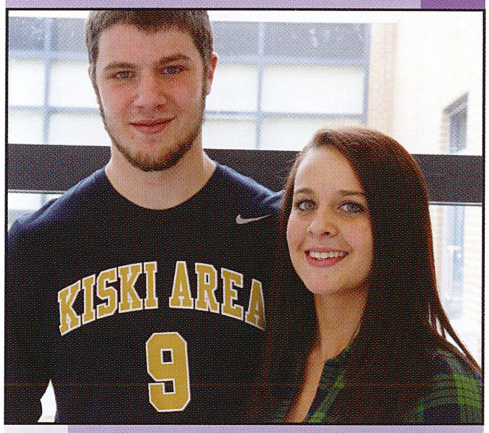
most attractive



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Thompson, Cassandra
Activities: Musical, Play, Back Stage Crew, Academic Quiz Team, Spanish Club (V.P.), NHS, Show Choir, 9th Grade Choir, Women's Choir, Jazz Choir, Cavalier Choir, Math Team, Office Worker, Tech Service Team, Drama Club (V.P.), Key Club
Future Plans: To attend Butler University for Exploratory Studies.

Thompson, Chelsea
Activities: NHS, Golf (MVP), 9th Grade Choir, Ski Club, Good Morning Kiski, Key Club, Community Outreach, Senior Special (Celebrity Look-a-like, Best All Around), Homecoming Court (Queen)
Awards or Honors: Lion's Club- Student of the Month
Future Plans: Undecided college for Dental Medicine.

Tomajko, Carlie
Activities: 9th Grade Band, Symphonic Band
Awards or Honors: Perfect Attendance
Future Plans: To attend WCCC for Criminal Justice.

U give thanks... to an *uncle*

"My uncle is the funniest person I know and could make anyone laugh. He is also a very smart and talented person. He can carve many things out of a big log with a chain saw. I'm very proud of him."

Jake Uzmack

Umbaugh, Cody
Future Plans: Undecided college for Astronomy/Astrophysics.

Uzmack, Jacob
Future Plans: Undecided.

give props

to mom and/or dad for all they've done for you to this point...

"Words cannot describe how thankful I am to have the parents I have. I wouldn't change anything growing up under their supervision. My dad was my coach in almost every sport I participated in and taught me how to be a winner. At the time, I might haveve thought he was pushing me too much, but I know now that it was a life lesson to become successful in life. I don't remember the last time my mom missed any type of sporting event. She is always there for me. I love you guys, and thanks!"

Jordan Kiebler [12]

stumbling blocks

Dalton Stroup [11]

The most difficult time in my life was when my parents got divorced. I had to move and change schools. Divorce is a hard thing to go through. I had to keep my head up and keep a positive attitude. Changing schools was also difficult for me. I thought I was going to leave all my friends behind. But, that wasn't the case; I keep in touch with all my old friends and have made many new friends here at Kiski. The only advice I have for someone in this situation is to keep your head up and put on a smile.

Carly Tomajko [12]

On December 14, 2011, my best friend Nick passed away. He had always made me feel extremely happy, and every time I talked to him, I laughed. When he passed, I was very upset. The people around me, my parents and friends, could all see a difference in me. The really hurtful part about it is that I found out about it on Facebook. My family and friends have been there to support me, but I still felt an empty, loneliness inside. To this day, I still think about him and all of our great talks that we had.

"My new eraser is in the shape of a block."
Steve Razpotnik [9]

V give thanks... to a veteran teacher

"Thank you Mr. DeSantis for being the best teacher I ever had. You have opened my eyes to the world of physics. I would tell you that you're a horrible teacher, if you weren't such a great teacher."

Amber Vozar

Van Why, Rebecca
Activities: SADD Club, Wellness Club, Environmental Club
Future Plans: To attend CCAC for Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

bound for fame

pat bouch/kaylee hansberry

Vozar, Amber
Activities: Musical, Academic Quiz Team, Spanish Club, NHS, Student Council, Tennis (Capt., MVP), Show Choir, 9th Grade Choir, Cavalier Choir, Ski Club, Math Team, Key Club (Editor), Community Outreach
Awards or Honors: Outstanding Young Citizen
Future Plans: To attend Pitt for Pre-Med.

W give thanks... to a wise sibling

"Thanks, wise older sister. She taught me to work my butt off and that hard work always pays off. Thanks for setting high benchmarks for me to follow."

Rachel Weyant

Walker, Vance
Activities: Football, 9th Grade Choir, Ski Club
Future Plans: To become a Marine.

Walter, Jacob
Activities: FBLA, Swimming/Diving
Future Plans: To attend RMU for Finance.

Waner, Aaron
Activities: Winter Track, Track and Field, Tech Service Team, Community Outreach, Engineering Club
Future Plans: To attend UPJ Undecided.

Ware, Ariel
Activities: Active for Animals (Sec.), SADD Club, Track and Field (Man.), Environmental Club, WIRC (Pres., Treas.), Community Outreach
Future Plans: Undecided college for Sociology.

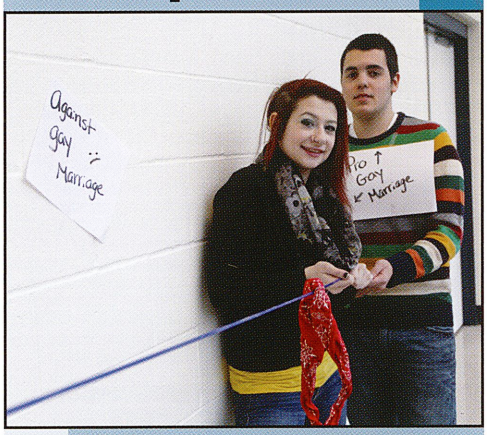
Weber, Kylie
Activities: Spanish Club, FBLA, SADD Club, NHS, Soccer, Environmental Club, Key Club
Future Plans: To attend Washington and Jefferson for Biology.

Weiser, Lyndsey
Activities: French Club, Volleyball, Basketball, Softball (Capt., MVP), 9th Grade Band, Symphonic Band, Key Club, Senior Special (Nicest Hair), Cavalier Leadership Council
Awards or Honors: Perfect Attendance
Future Plans: To attend Clarion for Nursing.

Welsh, Shawn
Activities: Hockey (Capt.)
Future Plans: To attend Slippery Rock University for Computer Science.

Weyant, Rachel
Activities: SADD Club, NHS, Golf (Capt.), Basketball, Key Club, Community Outreach, Cavalier Leadership Council
Awards or Honors: Scholarship in AP Science and Math
Future Plans: To attend Duquesne University for Health Sciences.

most opinionated



scout young/dylan dulick

Wiles, Marissa
Activities: Bible Club, Student Council, Marching Band, 9th Grade Band, Symphonic Band, Library Aide, Youth Leadership Network (Sec.), WIRC
Future Plans: To become a Nuclear Power Analyst for the Navy.

most school spirit

kaytee oliver/adam robison

Wilkinson, Elizabeth
Activities: Musical, Academic Quiz Team, NHS, Wellness Club, Soccer, Winter Track, Track and Field, Show Choir, 9th Grade Choir, Women's Choir, Jazz Choir, Cavalier Choir, Office Worker, Key Club, WIRC, Community Outreach, Cavalier Leadership Council
Future Plans: To attend Thiel College for Biology.

Wilson, Jacob
Activities: FBLA, Wellness Club, Cross Country, Winter Track, Track and Field, 9th Grade Choir, Cavalier Choir, Mock Trial, Key Club, Senior Special (Class Couple)
Future Plans: Undecided.

Wilson, Kara
Activities: Back Stage Crew, Student Council, Office Worker, Environmental Club
Future Plans: To attend RMU for Cyber-forensics and Information Security.

Wiskeman, Jacob
Activities: Spanish Club, NHS, Football, Basketball, Cavalier Leadership Council
Awards or Honors: Perfect Attendance
Future Plans: To attend St. Francis for Medical Engineering and Computer Science.

Wiskeman, Joshua
Activities: NHS, Football (Capt.), Cavalier Leadership Council
Future Plans: To attend Clarion for Chemical Engineering.

Worthing, Makensie
Activities: Red Ribbon Club, Wrestling (Man.), 9th Grade Choir, Concert Choir, Women's Choir, Community Outreach
Future Plans: To attend UPJ, Undecided.

Y give thanks... to your younger brother

"I would like to thank my brother Tyler for always being there for me. I couldn't have asked for a better brother. Without you, my life would have never been the same."

Janessa Young

Yeager, Tiffany
Activities: SADD Club, Colorguard (Capt.), Winterguard (Capt.), Wind Ensemble, 9th Band
Future Plans: To attend Point Park for Journalism.

Young, Janessa
Activities: FBLA, SADD Club (Exec. Comm.), Red Ribbon Club, Student Council, Soccer (Capt.), Basketball, Track and Field, Trainers, Good Morning Kiski, Buddies, Key Club, Community Outreach, Life Skills YB, Senior Special (Best Friends), Homecoming Court
Awards or Honors: Soccer Defensive Player of the Year
Future Plans: To attend Clarion for Speech Pathology.

Young, Scout
Activities: Spanish Club, Active for Animals, Basketball, Literary Magazine, Yearbook Staff, Senior Special (Most Opinionated)
Future Plans: To attend Slippery Rock University for Psychology.

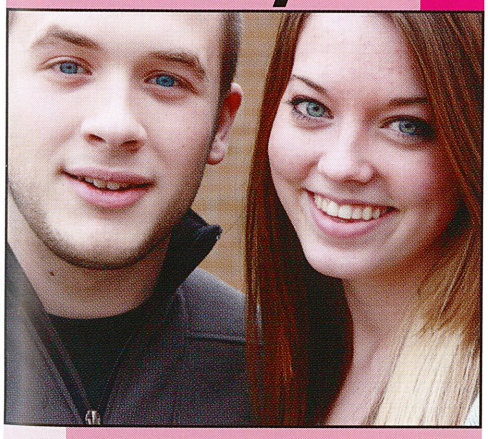
Z give thanks... to your zealous friend

"In hockey, you told me, '*you played a heck of a game out there.*' Even though those were simple words, you said them to motivate me to achieve my goals and to improve as a player. Thanks."

Brad Ziegler

Ziegler, Brad
Activities: FBLA, SADD Club, Hockey, Golf, Tennis, Track and Field, Good Morning Kiski, Community Outreach (V.P.), Engineering Club, Class Officer (Treas.), Senior Special (Nicest Smile)
Future Plans: To attend Clarion for Chemistry.

nicest eyes



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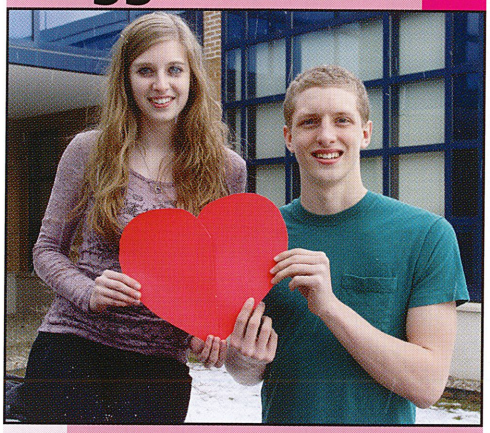
biggest heart



rebecca clark/mitch murdock

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give props

to mom and/or dad for all they've done for you to this point...

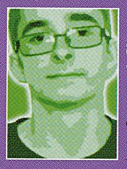
Mom and dad, I just wanted to thank you guys so much for everything you have done for me. I think every day of how lucky I am to have amazing, caring parents like you. I appreciate everything you guys do for me. I hope to always try to become the type of person as both of you. You go out of your way for others and have taught me so much about being a genuinely nice person. Thank you again for everything. I love you both so much!.

Nickolas Stone [12]

stumbling blocks

Holly Yanher [10]

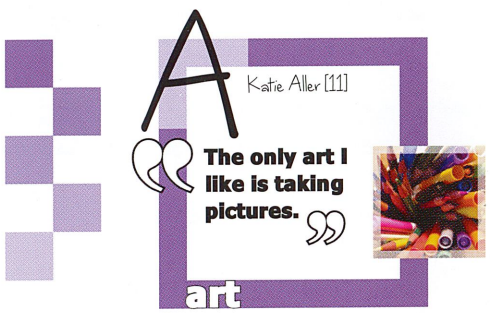
Since my uncle passed, it's been tough. One thing I remember fondly was going down to his candy store. I think of him every day that I'm at school. When I go home and see his picture, I cry. He would make me laugh all the time. When I'm sad, he would talk to me. I think that every day, he is looking down on me. He is up in heaven. My uncle would come to the family reunions. We would go to my other uncle's property and we would camp out. The next day, we would get up and fish. This was one of my difficult times in life.



Luke Dunmire [12]

The toughest point in my life so far has been when my Pap passed away. He was a huge part of my family in so many ways, but his greatest quality was his ability to give unbiased advice. He helped me through a lot of problems I had and also the issues my family were dealing with. If someone needed help with anything, he would immediately drop everything to steer you in the right direction. He was a huge inspiration to me and my family. Every time a situation arises, I think about what he would do in my shoes.

"Use your heart as a building block for others."
Cierra Schriver [9]



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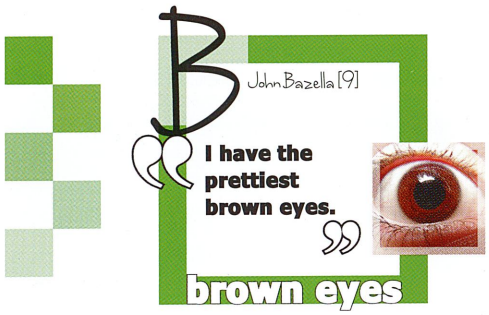

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Matt Crookston [12]

Sean DeCarlo is a cookie monster.

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to mom and/or dad for all they've done for you to this point...

"I do not know where I would be today without the love and support that the both of you have shown me during the past 13 years of my life. Because of the two of you, I have been raised a respectful, responsible, well-rounded individual. I am able to make good decisions while keeping my priorities in check. From tying my shoes to parallel parking, I know how to do everything because of you. I love you both dearly with all of my heart, and thank you for being the most understanding and supportive parents a girl could ask for."

Megan Paullet [12]

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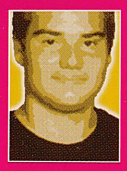

Chris Smith [11]

I would say that the hardest time in my life was the day that my parents got a divorce. I say that because I loved both parents and wanted to be with both. However, I could only be with one. It was a really hard decision. On one hand, I would like to live with my mom and still be around the friends that I grew up with. On the other hand, I would like to live with my dad and make a whole set of new friends. I did learn one important lesson through it all... in the end, no matter where I went, I was going to be loved.

Maddy Shaffer [11]

I would have to say that the most difficult time in my life was dealing with Jenna Prusia's untimely passing. It is not because I was especially good friends with her but because the sad event brought to light that life could be taken away even from those that had the most right to a full and happy one. Jenna's passing was so sudden and unexpected that it shook the whole school, especially between Christmas and New Years. I just want to thank her for teaching me the value of living.

"Stray kittens are on the block."
Shelby Wikert [12]

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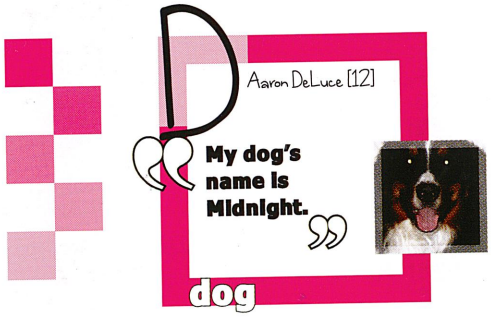

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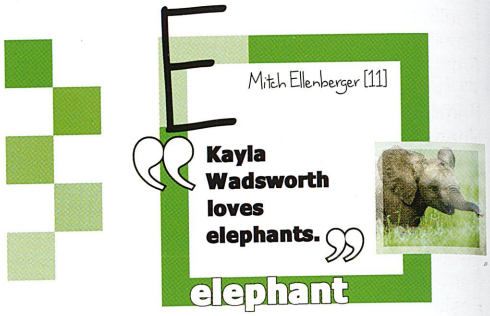

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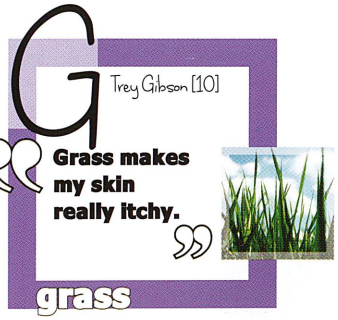

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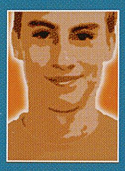
Mom...
You are the strongest, most beautiful person in the world. The amount of space given to write you this thank you is not nearly enough room to express how thankful I am to have you in my life. Every day, you have taught me so much about being a good person to others and the kind of person everyone needs in his or her life. Thank you for your support and love which without I would not be the person I am today. I love you so much.

Tatiana Cloud [12]

stumbling blocks

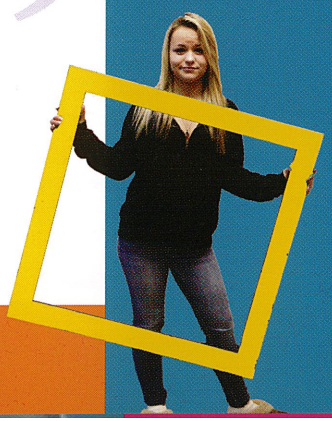


Bryce Nelson [11]

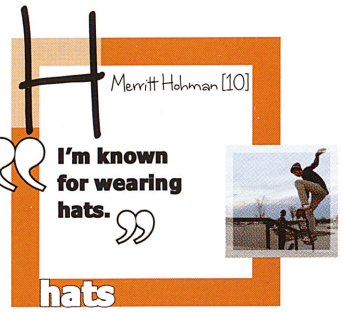
Every athlete encounters a stalemate at one point or another. I faced mine in golf. I found that I couldn't shoot any scores below a 45 average. This was very frustrating to me. I tried many methods to improve the scores: my swing, my mental approach, and even my equipment. When all of these failed, I almost gave up entirely. Instead of giving up totally, however, I tried something simple; I took a long break and then practiced really hard. Soon, I became a successful golfer, and I exceeded the goals I had set for myself.

Hanna Beaufort [11]

I had a hard time when my Pap passed away a year ago. He was one of my first family members to die after I was old enough to comprehend it. It really hit me hard. When he first got sick, he lived with my aunt, so I got to see him almost every day; we became really close. At around Christmas time, he passed, and even though we were all very upset, we tried to think about the positive things. It's just comforting to me and my whole family to know that he's not in pain any more and he's in a better place.



"I use sunblock every time that I go tanning."
Natalie Clifford [9]



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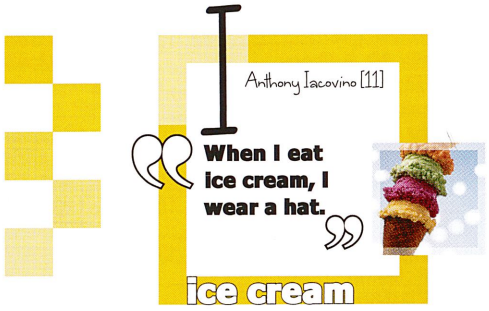

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to mom and/or dad for all they've done for you to this point...

Two of the biggest influences in my life are my mom and dad, without a doubt. You two have helped make me into the person I am today. Even from when I was little, you both stood behind me and helped me overcome every obstacle that life threw my way. You always challenged me to do bigger and better things and strive to reach all my goals. Thank you for always supporting me at my wrestling matches. I appreciate everything you guys have done for me, and I love you a lot.

Cole Landowski [12]

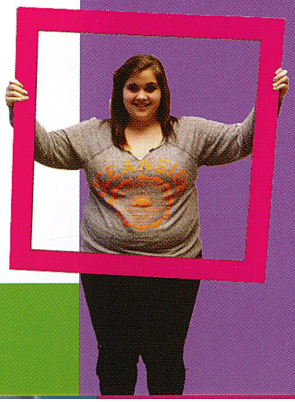
stumbling blocks

Aygan Tobin [12]

There was a point in my life that I lost all hope. I was overweight and got called many names. I used to hide a lot of my anger and depression. I finally did something about it though. I lost all the weight I needed to lose, and I feel great now. If there is something that you do not like about yourself, you need to change it because only you can do it. No one else in this world will do it for you. After all, the person that you owe the most to in life is yourself.

Caitlyn Lockhart [12]

On a rainy day in 10th grade, I was walking into the high school building. My shoes did not have good tread on them, and I ended up slipping and falling on one knee. After I went to my locker, I ended up having a huge wet spot on my favorite pair of jeans. My friends noticed and continually asked me what had happened. They all laughed every time that I told the story. I think that was the most embarrassing moment ever. The rest of the day managed to be pretty good.



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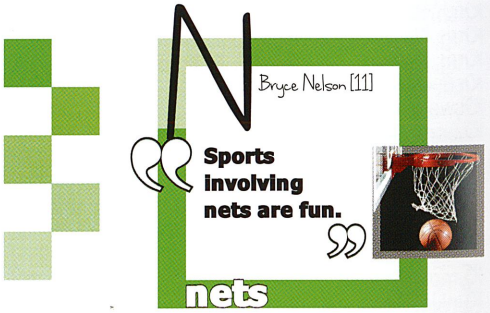

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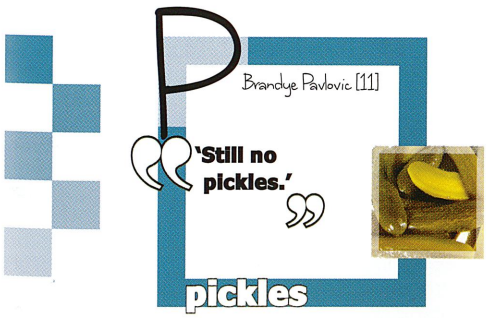

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I simply must thank my Mom. While we may have our differences, major differences at that, you have always been there for me. I am truly grateful for everything. In going soccer games during my short lived career as a goalie and in driving out to Indianapolis to see me run around a field with a trumpet, you never faltered, and I love that. You also have always pushed me to work harder with my photography. Thank you for getting me my first Nikon when I turned nine. I love you.

Hannah Hohman [12]

stumbling blocks

Breanne Gray [12]

The hardest time in my life was when I was in foster care. I was in foster care for three years, from the time I was 12 to the age of 15. It was difficult for me because I was taken away from my family. While in foster care, I felt as if nobody cared about me. I had a therapist who lied to countless times. I stopped believing what others were saying to me. The people that helped me get through it were my friends. They were always there to remind me that they cared and would always be there for me whenever I need them.

Jocelin Herstek [12]

An awful stumbling block happened to my sister and me this January. On a snowy Monday off, she and I went out to eat at The Burgatory in Fox Chapel. On the way home around four o'clock, it started to snow really badly. We were on Melwood Road going no more than 30 mph when we hit ice, and that was that. It was the scariest moment of my life when we were trapped in the car upside-down on the bank of the road. Luckily, my sister and I walked away with minor injuries and a concussion. I know that our grandparents saved us.

"I was blocked during a street football game." Alex Stadler [12]

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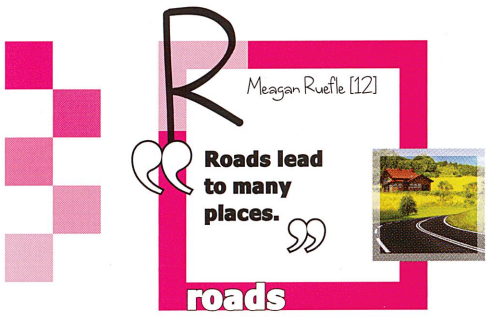

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to mom and/or dad for all they've done for you to this point...

To my beautiful mother... I would like to take the time to thank you for everything you have done for me throughout my years in school. You have been at every school function, cheering and supporting me. Thank you for always taking me to do everything I wanted to do in school and for always encouraging me to do well in school. Even though high school is over, please know that I will always love you for the rest of my life, and know that I mean that with all my heart. I love you mom.

Timothy Ragan [12]

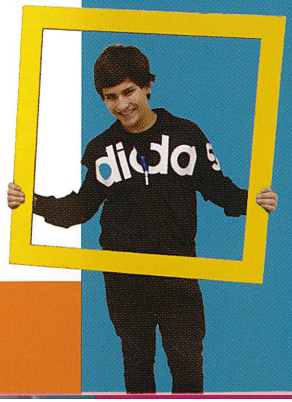
stumbling blocks

Amanda Sgouraki [10]

In my freshman year of colorguard, I was really shy. I didn't think I was good enough. When it came time to decide who would make the team, I was really nervous. One of the instructors came over and said, "You don't meet the expectations we had for you. As a result of this, we are making you an alternate." I was so upset. I didn't tell any of my fellow guard members because I thought they'd make fun of me. During band camp, while everyone was on the field, I sat there and watched. I felt so useless.

Tommy McElwain [11]

Late summer, when I was three years old, my brother caught me on fire. There was a bottle with gas in the fire and my brother picked it up and started swinging it around. Then, in a split second, it hit my back and engulfed me in flames. At three years old, I didn't know to stop, drop, and roll, so I just ran around screaming, waving my hands in the air. Before I knew it, I got pushed to the ground, rolled through grass, and was doused in water. From that day on, I have a scar on my back from the incident.



"I got blocked while I was trying to get a touchdown during back yard football."
Zach Bowers [9]

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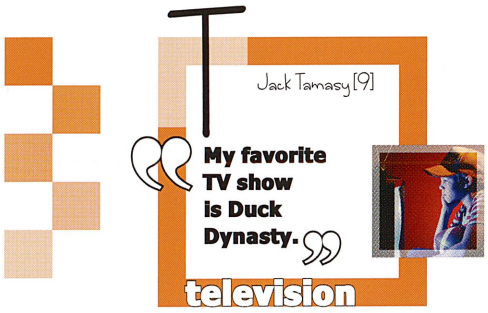

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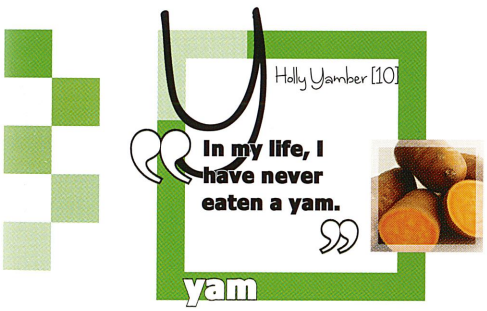

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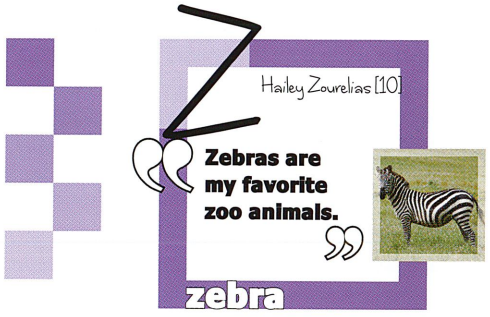

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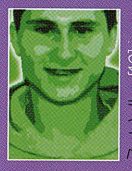
Thank you to my wonderful parents! You truly are the reason why I am who I am today. Ever since I was young, you instilled good habits in me and never denied me any opportunity to try something that I wanted to do. I am blessed beyond measure to have two parents as wonderful as you are. My strong family support gives me the peace of mind, confidence, and eagerness to both do the things I love and make it through the things that I don't. Thanks so much for everything!

Paul Murray [12]

stumbling blocks

Josie Mains [9]

One time, way back when I wanted to quit colorguard, I was having very bad problems with the work and the people there. I came home crying with my mascara running, just wanting to quit. My friends asked me all night what was wrong, but I didn't want to worry them. My friend Courtney was the one person who actually got me to tell her what was wrong, even though it was after practice. We talked a long time about it, and we both found out that we had a lot in common. She convinced me to stick it out and try harder. I will try to stay in guard.



Zach Wilson [10]

Last year in March, I had a soccer tournament in Virginia. When I had the ball, a kid came from the side and took my knee out. I went to the doctors three days after. I found out that I had dislocated my knee cap and sprained my MCL. They said I was very close to tearing my ACL, but I didn't have to get surgery. I had eight weeks out to recover. I went to therapy every Tuesday and Thursday at a place in Plum. After I was all done, I got a brace to play with. I am off my brace now. My knee feels great and strong now.

"One of the things that I absolutely hate the most is writer's block."
Veronica Krynock [9]

letter from the editor...

jocelin herstek

I cannot believe it's over. I could swear that only last week I filled out the application for a reporting staff position as a lonely freshman going into her sophomore year. Now, here I am. It's 2013, and three years on yearbook staff have dwindled down to their last, precious moments. This experience has been like no other, and I'm struggling to accept that there is life outside our small yearbook room haven... where the lights always glow dimly, the candle warmer burns a yummy scent that everyone can smell in the hall, the white board features personal scribbles, and someone's homework always seems to clutter the tiny table. Still, none of the room's charms would mean anything without the staff that brings it to life.

Since *Reporting Staff* was the foundation to my yearbook beginnings, I find it fitting to begin with my fellow "reportees"...

Doug: Thank you for always brightening up my mornings with your happy smiles and, of course, your best dressed outfits. I appreciate all of the work and last-minute assignments that you've completed for PF and me.

Megan: Thank you for always completing the duties we assigned with such promptness. There's not a doubt in my mind that you will take over next year to fulfill the duties of a senior reporting staff member.

To the staff for which I could never help out: *Literary Staff*...

Amber: This book would be meaningless without you. Your talent for creative writing truly amazes me. I could always rely on you to brilliantly knock out a last minute 220 word mini story within an hour. Thank you for taking my concepts and turning them into great writing works. Also, to Taylor, Sammy, Morgan, and our Understaff: I appreciate the time and persistence you have all given to the yearbook and writing. Without you guys, I'd have been lost. Thank you for taking charge of the staff tasks about which I knew the least.

To my *Business Staff* experts: Alexis, Hannah M., Jessica, and Emma...

Because of you four, I never once had to worry about any business aspects of this book. I know the sales, coupons, senior ads, and senior directory all involved tedious and time-consuming work. All the hours you guys spent after school doing work just reflects your dedication to the program and publication. I send out huge thanks to you all.

To my *Photoshop Staff* workers: Dom and Court...

I know how much time you both put into the incredibly time-consuming Photoshop tasks in this book. But, without each of you, "Blocked" would have never developed as well as it did. Dom, when I see the book cover sitting on my end table 20 years from now, I will think of all the work you put into it. Court, every time I open the book and see a colored frame, I will think of you. Furthermore, I'm just thankful that we picked you both for the job; nobody else could have fit in to our yearbook family more than you.

To my *Photography Staff*: Theresa, Cheyenne, and Tatiana...

I would like to thank each of you for your continued work with photography. On the state and national level, Kiski is always noted for incredible shots, and this year proved no differently. The credit for the wonderful photography in the 2013 *Campus* goes to you all, along with other staff members who stepped in to take pictures. I hope you all continue taking pictures throughout life, even if it's just a hobby.

To Kiski's first ninth grader to ever make the editorial staff: Cass...my favorite freshman, ever.

When PF said we were going to bring a freshman on staff, I was leery; I won't lie. But, when I saw your work and then met you, I knew he had made a wonderful decision. Your straight-forward attitude made me instantly like you. Your phenomenal photography just added sprinkles to the top. You have so much talent, and I'm proud to showcase it throughout my senior book. I'm so glad that PF has three more years to feature your pictures. I know that you're about to grow into the best photographer that KAYB has ever had on staff.

To my second half of the year study hall girls: Hannah H. and Katie...

You girls never ceased to amaze me. Every day, we encountered something new. Between your rants and baked potato obsessions, I never once became bored. I always had to smile during DE. Katie, I'll miss your loud laugh that could be heard down the hall and your incredible willingness to complete every task at hand. Hannah, I'll miss your need for assurance about your poems. You two are strong photographers and hard workers. I can't wait to see where your talents will take you in the future.

To my baby-girl understudy: Kayla...

When you joined two years back, it felt like a mini elementary school reunion. You and I have worked side-by-side so well, and I couldn't have asked for a better sidekick. I've loved every single minute that we've spent together since yearbook brought us back together. The trips to Harrisburg conventions, the Vo-tech excursions, and all of our other fiascoes helped to create fantastic memories that I'll never forget. You have a wealth of knowledge, a charisma, and a creativity that will aid in making your senior book spectacular. I can't wait to see the masterpiece that you and the 2014 staff will produce. Take my advice: Don't settle. Push PF to expand his comfort level, set deadlines earlier than needed, and create a book that betters this one. I have full confidence in you, and know that I love you dearly.

To our yearbook rep: Cari Frei...

Sometimes, I just believe that certain people cross paths with you for specific reasons. I just can't thank you enough for the texts, the encouragement, the advice, and the love that you have given to me and to Kiski's yearbook program in general. I hope you realize that part of the reason why we seem to excel in competition is because you keep moving us forward, especially when PF needs a nudge. On a more personal note, let me just say that while I have the best Mom in the world, if I didn't, I'd pick you in an instant. You know I love you with all my heart. Having said that, when I need a letter of recommendation or a future internship, I'm dialing your number... Mom.

Lastly, but most importantly, to Mr. Fantaski:

You are by far my biggest inspiration. For years, you've put up with me and all my crazy issues. Still, never once did you give up on me. You have taught me everything I know about exemplary yearbook design and production. You have allowed me to explore my talents and creativity and to implement them into the book. You have influenced my life so much, and I can never thank you enough. Your dedication to yearbook is insane. Every staff member knows that you spend countless hours of your life devoted to Kiski yearbooks. We love you dearly for everything you've done for us. Thank you for being my inspiration to pursue my future career in the arts. I hope to always make you proud.

And that's all folks; 2013 *Campus* is complete. We've experienced many hardships this year, but we've also conquered them without compromise. We were KA-All Day, together. And finally, to all seniors, we are finally "unblocked."

senior pictures info

All seniors must have their yearbook portraits taken by the official senior photographer, Paige Duckworth from *Hourglass Photo*.

The yearbook staff and the senior photographer conduct an assembly with all prospective seniors in the spring of their junior year to distribute all pertinent information concerning senior pictures. The senior photographer offers various times for individual

appointments, as well as a wide variety of packages from which to choose. While we certainly encourage it, students do not have to purchase pictures or packages from the senior photographer. However, each student must pay a sitting fee for the processing and developing of the pictures. This year, *Hourglass Photo* charged $15. This price may increase from year-to-year due to rising costs involved.

The yearbook staff can guarantee that individual senior pictures will appear in the book only if each student schedules his/her appointment on time, arrives for the shoot on time, and chooses which proof to appear in the book on time. No profile shots will appear in the yearbook. Additionally, the yearbook staff and the senior photographer will define all due dates, and will include these in the information given out at the senior portrait assembly.

By having portraits taken by the same photographer under the same conditions, the yearbook staff can implement uniform quality for all photographs, thereby serving the best interest of all students.

For the 2013-2014 school year, the district will utilize the talents of Ms. Paige Duckworth for all senior portraits. Her establishment, *Hourglass Photo*, resides at 2 Labelle-Vue Road - Vandergrift, PA - 15690. Telephone: 724-568-3128.

senior specials info

While considered inappropriate in some yearbook judging forums, the *Campus* staff feels that the Senior Specials represent a Cavalier tradition worth keeping. Sometime after the winter holiday break, the yearbook staff designates one week for all seniors to vote on their favorites in a wide variety of categories. The staff collectively decides which categories to include and which to eliminate. Still, the staff tries to include only categories that reflect positively on the students.

Only the yearbook adviser counts the ballots for each and every category; yearbook staff members play no role in the election.

To maximize the opportunity for each student to receive a Senior Special, no senior may win two categories, with the exception of the "Best Friends" and "Class Couple" categories. Should one student win two or more categories, the yearbook adviser governs the final decision on how to award each category.

senior directory info

Determined by deadlines, the yearbook staff designates a single week, usually in January or February, for seniors to complete a directory sheet that asks for all of the clubs, sports, music ensembles, and future plans for each senior. The yearbook staff includes only directory information submitted by the designated deadline and reserves the right to expunge any entries that include falsified information.

senior parent ads info

On the first day of school, each senior receives a form that defines everything parents need to know about Parent Ads. The form outlines pricing, requirements for the ad, and relative deadlines.

The yearbook staff does its best to personalize each ad, and this takes a considerable amount of time. Furthermore, each year, the staff has only a limited amount of space for Parent Ads. Hence, to guarantee that individual ads will appear in the book, the staff suggests that parents submit them as soon as possible. The *Campus* staff reserves the right to deny Parent Ads once the designated amount of space has become filled.

client satisfaction info

Because the yearbook represents a student conceived, planned, and produced publication, the staff cannot guarantee complete satisfaction to the purchaser. Hence, the staff will not refund money for poor portrait quality, misspelled names, etc. Books returned for refunds must not have any writing in them and cannot display any obvious damage done by the student. Once returned, the book becomes the property of the staff and may be resold at the current cost.

The yearbook staff will exchange books only for certain reasons. No exchanges will transpire unless the adviser determines that the book has a major flaw such as missing or upside-down pages. All refunds and exchanges happen only at the discretion of the adviser.

Should the yearbook staff have no record of a student ordering a book, the student must produce a cancelled check to demonstrate proof of the purchase. No student may pick up a book for another student.

book pricing info

Students order books during *Campus* Weeks, the first two full weeks after Labor Day. (Note: *Campus* Weeks are subject to change depending on when school starts each year.) Each student must fill out a yearbook ordering form, place it in an envelope with the appropriate payment, and drop it in the wooden collection box outside room 106.

Students may pay half during *Campus* Weeks and half after the December holiday break, if they wish. Still, if the student misses the announced deadline for second payments, a late fee may occur.

After *Campus* Weeks, students will pay an additional $10 for each book ordered.

The staff also offers the opportunity for students to order books online at *balfour.com*. Additionally, those students have the opportunity to purchase various other items, but only when ordering online.

If there are books available at the end of the year, the yearbook staff will sell them on a first-come-first-serve basis.

"I do the best I can to block my cat from puking in my room." Nikole Kost [9]

Consider these...

Graduation is finally here. You're home free, except for one thing. You've got one last speech to give—your final farewell to the past four years of your life. You grab your laptop and take a seat, ready to write. As soon as you're ready to begin, your mind goes blank. The blinking cursor mocks you as you stare at the white page. No brilliant soliloquy flows from your fingertips. Guess what?

you still have time.

You sent in your application months ago, but you haven't heard anything yet. Did you forget a part of the application? Was your essay grammatically incorrect? Did you botch your address and they sent the letter to the wrong house? Every day after school, you eagerly check the mail for that acceptance letter. This is your first choice school; an acceptance letter would mean everything. You've been blocked for months, obsessing over the letter. It's been the sole occupant of your mind... morning, noon, and night. Each day, you grow more blocked and less hopeful that you actually got in. On a dreary Monday afternoon, you halfheartedly check the mail, and there it is. Guess what?

you were accepted.

Decisions are not your thing, but now a big one is here. What will you major in at college? You love English, but you love Science also. Still, you're best at math. What are you supposed to do with that? Your parents want you to do one thing, and each teacher thinks you should do another. Ultimately, it's your decision. It's up to you. No matter how much you think about it, you still have no idea though. Guess what?

undecided is a valid option.

Oh, the places we'll go...

To celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday, Nate Kiebler [11] delivers his lesson to a Mamont student. "I had the students work on a crossword puzzle block after reading my book," Kiebler said.

photo: *a. satterfield* [12]

Recching ball...

Overpowered by his opponent, Liz Recchia [10] blocks Brandon Small [11] and drives him into the ground. Recchia said, "The Turkey Bowl at the Wilson's house was fun. I enjoyed playing and knocking the daylights out of wimpy boys."

photo: *j. herstek* [12]

we were blocked!

photo: *k. aller* [11]

photo: *h. hohman* [12]

Steph in wonderland...

At the home winterguard competition, Stephanie Marchwinski [11] performs for the filled gymnasium. "Our uniform for the *Alice* show featured blocks of black, white, and silver."

Home Sweet Home?

Just after the police returned Annie, played by Maddy Costanza [11], back to the orphanage, Miss Hannigan, played by Erin Bruce [11], pretends to welcome her. Bruce said, "The blocking had to be very specific in this scene so that I could squeeze her neck but still let the audience see her face." Nearly 100 cast members performed *Annie* from March 13-16.

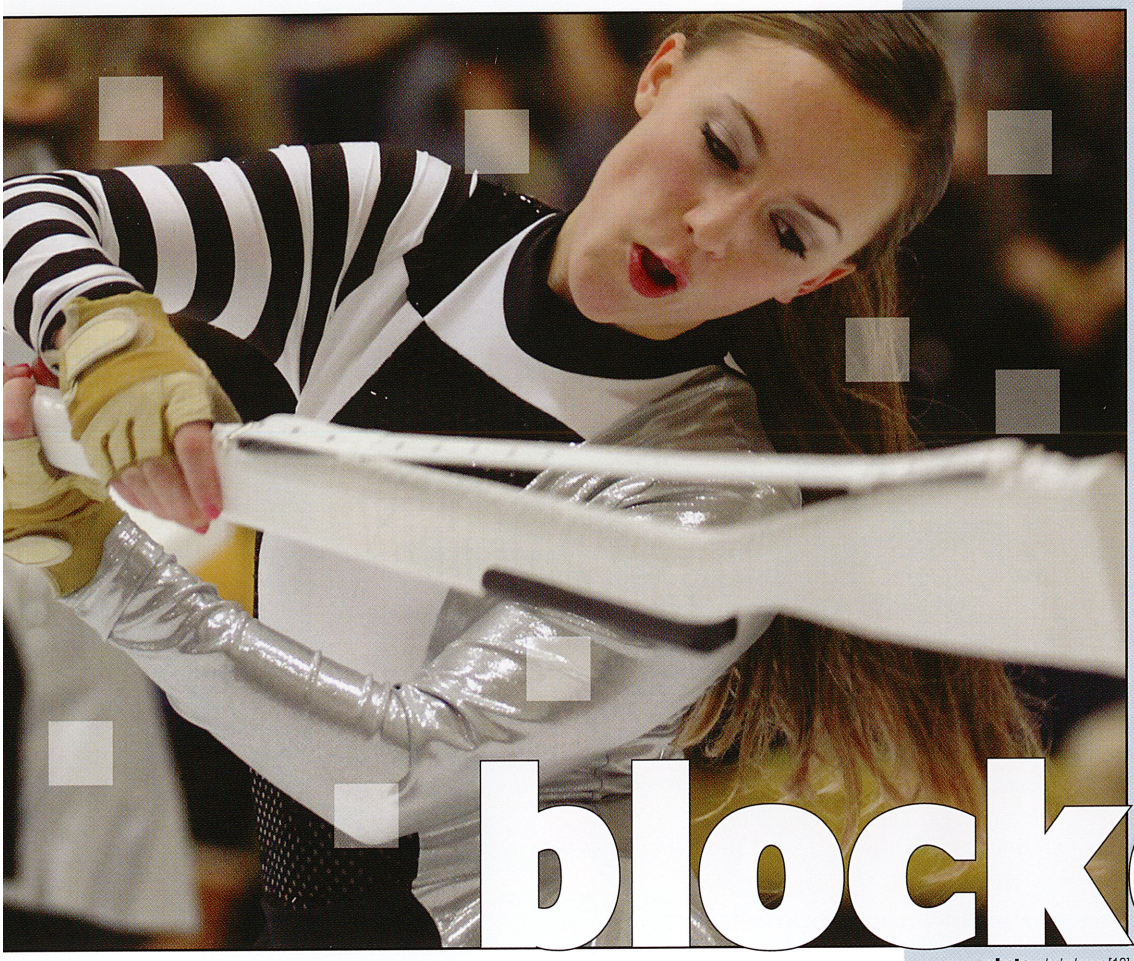


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photo: *h. hohman* [12]

Fashion trends in TRWEA...

In her color-blocked winterguard uniform, Megan Beer [11] swivels around before a quad toss. Beer said, "Before we start the huge rifle section, we pull out strips that form a blocked checkerboard on the floor." Choreographer Jim Schaeffer [fac.] designed the 13-member guard's show entitled *Alice*. The show reflected the intrigue of *Alice in Wonderland*.

"It's simple. Life will always present blocks, some more challenging to face than others. Still, it's not the blocks that make us who we are. It's how we choose to overcome them to unblock ourselves."

Amber Phillips [11]

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our final thanks...

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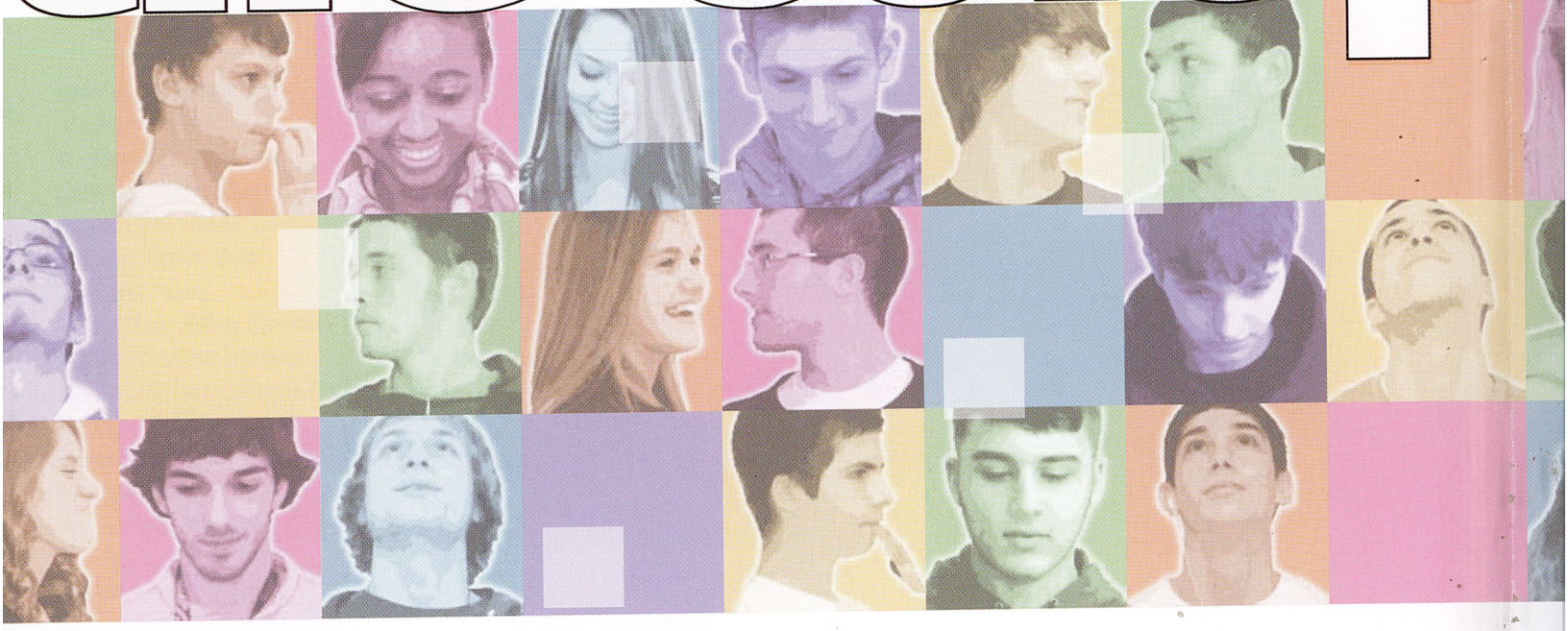

school & printer info

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book specifics

This book employed a Smyth type binding with 100# dull enamel paper for all 264 pages inside. The *Campus* staff utilized Adobe InDesign and Photoshop from its CS4 suite to create the publication. The staff utilized three font families in the book: Fava, where stars shine the brightest, and Arial. On the matte-finish cover, Balfour printed the four-color lithocote material with embossing on the white ghosted squares, debossing of "blocked," and a silkscreen UV Clear Varnish on the empty colored squares. The staff also utilized silkscreen UV Clear Varnish on pages 1,2-3,4-5,38-39,96-97,126-127,176-177,204-205, and the closing spread. The staff created different front and back four-color endsheets that employed a silkscreen UV Clear Varnish on CS1 White paper.

campus pricing

Book Price: $65 if ordered by the end of Campus Weeks and $75 afterwards.
Parent Ads: $45 for 1/8 page and $80 for 1/4 page.
Business Ads: Patron ($5), 1/8 page ($50), 1/4 page ($90), 1/2 page ($160), full page ($300).
Extras: Ribbon bookmark ($4), dust jacket ($3), autograph pages ($2), nameplate ($5), icons ($5).

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photography & pictures

Paige Duckworth - *Hourglass Studio* - 2 LaBelle Road - Vandergrift, PA - 15690 - 724-568-3128 - provided all senior and underclass pictures. She also shot all club group shots and sports team shots. The photography staff shot all candids using two school-owned Canon 60D cameras. The staff created photo credit spaces to recognize the photographers' candids.

professional organizations

The 2013 *Campus* Yearbook Staff belonged to various professional organizations that included PSPA, NSPA, and CSPA. Adobe, Inc. chose a spread in the 2012 *Campus* as the third best designed spread in the country. Along with one other PA school, the 2012 *Campus* won the state's highest achievement award, The Clyde P. Lytle All-State Keystone Award for journalistic excellence. Additionally, the book earned All-American status in NSPA and a gold ranking in CSPA. Also, Balfour Publishing chose the 2013 *Campus* as a national sample and featured the book in their nationally coveted compilation book, *The Yearbook Yearbook*.

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